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Ralph Stone says even when his gang lost in sports, it could fall back on culture. **8A**

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The Giants and Packers — opponents in Sunday's NFC Championship Game — both rely on pressuring quarterbacks. **1B**

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Donora prostitution case

Van Pool gets 6-12 months

Woman admits paying pair to have sexual contact with 12-year-old nephew.

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A Donora woman will serve six to 12 months in jail after admitting Thursday to paying two women to have sexual contact with her 12-year-old nephew.

Linda Van Pool, 37, of 120 McKean Ave., pleaded guilty to one count of endangering the welfare of children.

Van Pool

The charges stemmed from Nov. 2, 2006, when the boy's mother, Kathleen M. Waggoner, 38, also of 120 McKean Ave., allegedly gave Van Pool money on two occasions to arrange for the boy to engage in sexual activity with two women.

At a preliminary hearing Oct. 25, Waggoner, who was tending bar at Ray's Bar in Donora the day of the incidents, testified she gave Van Pool $40 to take her son so he could "view a woman's breast."

The boy suffers from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and oppositional defiant disorder and takes medication for the conditions. He testified that Van Pool took him to a residence where he received oral sex in a bathroom.

Donora police said Tammy Lynn Lickert, 29, of 468 8th St., Apt. 2, Donora, performed the sexual act.

Donora police charged Lickert with one felony count of sexual abuse child/definition, one misdemeanor count each of prostitution and related offenses, and one misdemeanor count of corruption of minors.

The boy allegedly had sexual contact with another woman, Loretta Figolah, of 785 McKean Ave., Apt. 4, Donora.

Figolah was charged with corruption of minors and unlawful contact/communication with a minor, statutory sexual assault and prostitution and related offenses.

Waggoner was charged with endangering the welfare of children

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Chaos in North Charleroi

Open seat left on council; unanswered questions on this year's budget.

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North Charleroi began the new year with a council that has one less member and a budget with one less mill of real estate taxation.

Council, however, is apparently without any candidates to fill the vacancy and few answers for how the budget it passed was balanced without that mill of real estate taxation.

While three council seats were up for grabs in the 2007 general election, only incumbent councilman Joe Villella sought re-election. Councilmen Shawn Hyatt and Joe Zelinsky did not.

William Moss won election to council on a write-in campaign. But that still left one vacancy.

Council agreed to seek applications from those wishing to fill the vacancy. But Mayor Alfred Agamedi said to his knowledge, no one has applied for the position.

Council could discuss the issue when it meets Monday.

Council approved a 2008 budget late last month that trimmed the general real estate millage from 30 to 29. The budget still enacts 2 mills for debt service, 3 mills for street lighting and 1 mill for fire.

Agamedi said he believes the millage was lowered because of a larger-than-expected end-of-the-year balance. He said some savings are also realized because the cash carryover from 2007 to 2008 was higher than expected.

Other council members provided few answers about the spending plan. Asked for specifics on the budget, Villella and Councilman Lee Hall said they were unsure how the savings was realized and referred all calls to Zelinsky.

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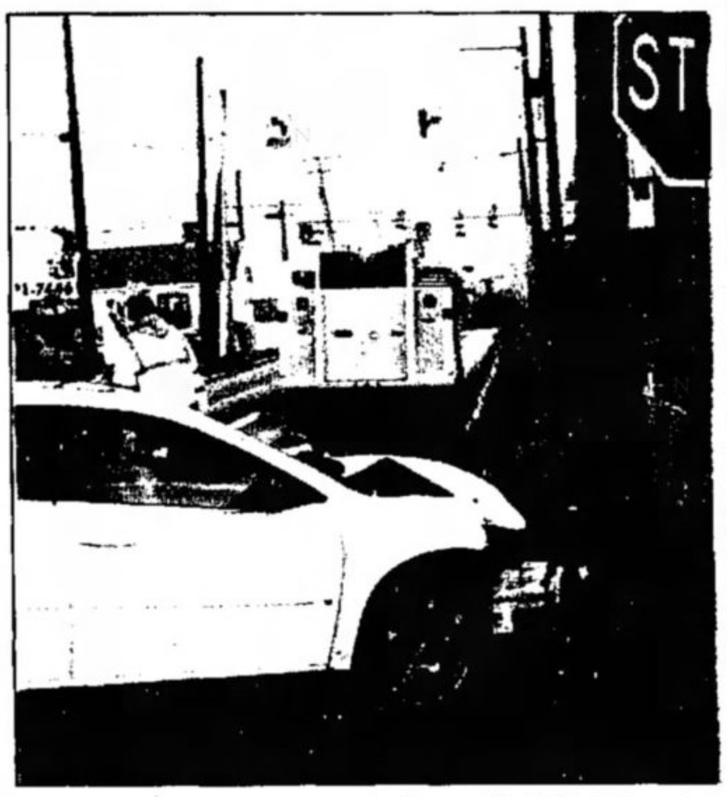
Early-morning accidents



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Icy road conditions may have contributed to two accidents locally this morning. At left, two cars collided on Route 51 just south of Robert's Hollow in Forward Township. One car went over an embankment and into a creek. The driver had to be extricated. At right, one car struck a utility pole on state Route 906 in Webster. Police were still at the scenes of both accidents this morning and could not be reached for further details.

Economic jump-start offered

Rebates and tax breaks considered as financial concerns increase.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush is putting together his first public call for a "robust" emergency fiscal stimulus bill to get cash quickly into the pockets of consumers and jump-start a sagging economy, his treasury secretary said this morning.

Bush planned to lay out his position later in the day, but he wasn't expected to go into specifics. Press secretary Dana Perino said Bush would demand that any package be effective, simple and temporary — mirroring calls by Democratic lawmakers for a "timely, targeted and temporary" stimulus measure.

Taxpayers could receive rebates of up to $800 for individuals and $1,600 for married couples under a White House plan. Although lawmakers were considering smaller rebate checks and more money for food stamp recipients and the unemployed, Bush told congressional leaders that he favors income tax rebates for people and tax breaks for business investment.

Bush

"What he believes is that we've got to do something that is robust. It's going to be temporary and get money into the economy quickly," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said today on CBS's "The Early Show." "It's going to be focused on consumers, individuals, families — putting money in their pocket. And it's going to be focused on giving businesses the incentive to hire people, to create jobs."

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke entered the stimulus debate Thursday, endorsing the idea of putting money into the hands of those who would spend it quickly and boost the flagging economy.

The scramble to take action came as fears mounted that a severe housing slump and a painful credit crisis could cause people to clamp down on their spending and businesses to put a lid on hiring, throwing the country into its first recession since 2001.

Aides to lawmakers involved in the talks said the White House also wants to eliminate the 10 percent income tax bracket for one year and issue a rebate within months. Advocates for the poor said that tens of millions of people in lower income ranges would be left out or not fully feel the benefit of the White House plan.

Lawmakers were instead discussing a $500 rebate for individuals, the aides said, with details for couples and people with children

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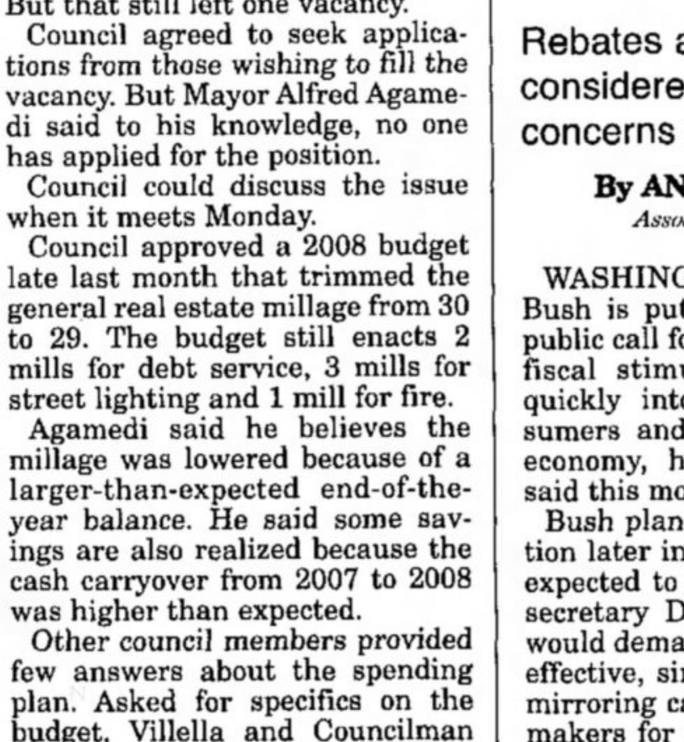

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Much to the chagrin of Jim Mitchell, owner of Mitchell's Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Center, Downtown, the unpopular Allegheny County drink tax won't be settled in the ring.

Knockout for drink tax?

Pittsburgh bar owner challenges Dan Onorato to settle the issue in the ring.

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Lace up the gloves, Dan. Restaurateur Jim Mitchell delivered that message Thursday to Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato.

The owner of Mitchell's Restaurant, Bar & Banquet Center on Pittsburgh's Ross Street, a popular Downtown hangout for government workers, wants the politician to turn pugilist.

Still upset about the county's 10 percent tax on poured alcoholic beverages, Mitchell challenged Onorato to a boxing match next month. They would exchange blows during an amateur event at the Downtown Hilton hotel.

The stakes would be high.

If Mitchell won, he would want the drink tax repealed. If Onorato prevailed, Mitchell said, he could have the countywide smoking ban that a court overturned in May after Mitchell and another restaurant owner filed a lawsuit.

"I figure I smoked him in the first fight; he floored me with the drink tax in the second fight," Mitchell said. "Now, it's a winner-take-all, final fight rubber match."

Tavern owners and patrons have verbally beaten up Onorato since the drink tax — which he lobbied strongly for — was approved last month. That and a $2-a-day tax on rental cars will help the county pay its $28 million share of the Port Authority budget.

Mitchell, 49, said he was inspired by remarks Onorato made Monday after Republican County Council members criticized him about budgetary matters.

"I'm not going to stand here and take punches," Onorato said at the time. "As long as I have two arms, we're going to swing back and swing back hard."

Mitchell wants to spar with Onorato Feb. 9 as part of an amateur boxing card benefiting a college fund for children of police officers and firefighters killed on duty.

Don't expect Onorato to don trunks just yet.

In a response an aide hand-delivered to Mitchell, Onorato pledged to stop by the restaurant today but didn't take Mitchell up on his challenge.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Carroll Township sewage rates won't change

CTA votes to keep monthly charge at $58.50.

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CARROLL TOWNSHIP – The monthly rate for residential customers in the township will remain at $58.50 for 2008.

Business customers will pay $10.74 per 1,000 gallons of treated sewage, a rate that is also unchanged.

The Carroll Township Authority voted to hold the line on sewage rates while approving the 2008 budget Thursday night. The spending plan includes $1,838,000 in projected revenues and $1,830,072 in expenditures with a fund balance of $7,928.

The authority board also has a new leader. Richard Kuppelweiser was elected chairman of the board, replacing Rick Pankiewicz, who is now the vice chairman.

Kuppelweiser is a former director of Mayview Hospital and a long time member of the authority board.

Pankiewicz is the senior most member of the authority board. He was named chairman in 2005, when then chair Lee Buehl left the board.

The board also announced the completion of a sanitary sewer extension project.

Approximately 2,100 feet of mainline was laid along Hazelkirk Road to service 18 existing homes with on-lot service.

The residents were given tap-in notices at the start of the year.

Yesteryear

The Visca sisters, of Monessen, are pictured in 1945. In back, from left, are Elida Visca Como, Elisa Visca Koval and Ida Visca Vukich. In front are Amalia (Maya) Visca Patch, Emma Visca Menzler and Loretta Visca Stefansky. The photo was submitted by Patch, who resides in Carroll Township.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 29 Low 9	High 16 Low 5	High 25 Low 20	High 32 Low 22	High 28 Low 15

Donora (FROM PAGE ONE)

and corruption of minors.

Van Pool was originally charged with two misdemeanor counts each of endangering the welfare of children and corruption of minors. She was also charged with two felony counts of prostitution and related offenses.

All other charges were dropped in exchange for her guilty plea.

Van Pool also pled guilty Thursday to a burglary charge related to a June 16 incident where she was charged with stealing food items and coins from Waggoner's residence.

Pozonsky ordered Van Pool to pay $150 in restitution in relation to the offense.

Chaos (FROM PAGE ONE)

Even though he was leaving council at the end of 2007, Zelinsky was given the responsibility of preparing the budget as chair of the finance committee.

Zelinsky did not return numerous calls made to his residence at various times of the day and evening over the past month.

The $331,409 budget includes:

■ $74,962 for public safety, including $44,762 for police salaries and a $2,500 contribution to the fire department.

■ $147,150 for public works/sanitation, including $66,050 for for garbage disposal, and $29,000 for street department wages.

■ $62,564 for general government, including $8,400 for council members salaries and $1,800 for the mayor's salary.

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still being negotiated.

The rebates would likely be limited to individuals with incomes of $85,000 or less and couples with incomes of $110,000 or less, the aides said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no final decisions had been made.

The president did not push for a permanent extension of his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, many of which are due to expire in 2010, officials said. That would eliminate a potential stumbling block to swift action by Congress, since most Democrats oppose making the tax cuts permanent.

White House counselor Ed Gillespie said today on CNN the White House would still like to see the tax cuts made permanent, but the president believes a stimulus plan needs to be put into place within the next few weeks.

Bernanke voiced his support for a stimulus package in an appearance before the House Budget Committee. He stressed that it must be temporary and must be implemented quickly — so that its economic effects could be felt as much as possible within the next 12 months.

"Putting money into the hands of households and firms that would spend it in the near term" is a priority, he said.

Especially important is making sure a plan can put cash into the hands of poor people and the middle class, who are most likely to spend it right away, he said, though he added that research shows affluent people also spend some of their rebates.

Bernanke declined to endorse any particular approach, but he did say he preferred one that would not have a long-term adverse impact on the government's budget deficit.

Senior aides to House Democrats and Republicans said in addition to included tax rebates for individuals, the emerging measure would contain tax breaks for businesses investing in new equipment, increases in food stamps, and higher unemployment benefits. They spoke on condition of anonymity, since the talks are ongoing and lawmakers have promised not to reveal details.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she wanted legislation enacted within a month and said the government must "spend the money, invest the resources, give the tax relief in a way that again injects demand into the economy, puts it in the hands of those who need it most and into the middle class ... so that we can create jobs."

For now, Bernanke was hopeful the country could skirt a dangerous downturn.

"We're not forecasting recession but, rather, at this point, slow growth," he told lawmakers. Still, the toll of the housing and credit debacles will be felt into early next year, he added.

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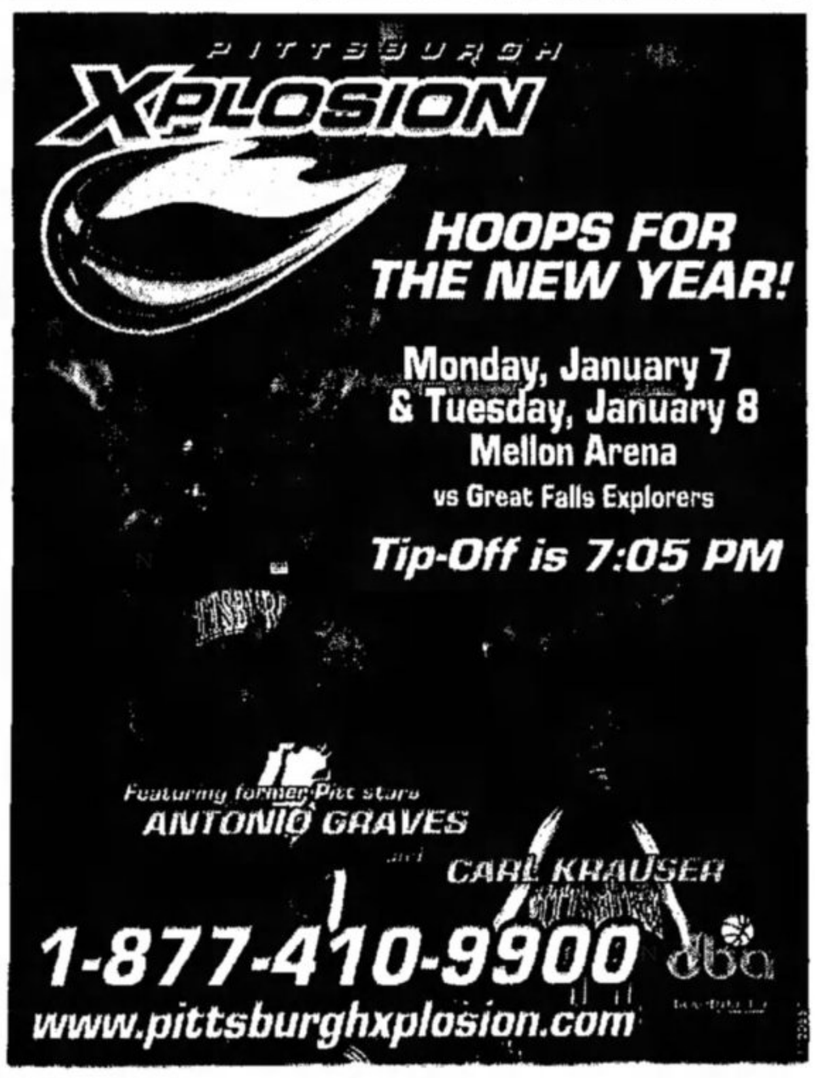

Police: Tiger attack victim drinking

Authorities say animal was taunted.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of the three victims of San Francisco Zoo tiger attack was intoxicated and admitted to yelling and waving at the animal while standing atop the railing of the big cat enclosure, police said in court documents filed Thursday.

Paul Dhaliwal, 19, told the father of Carlos Sousa Jr., 17, who was killed, that the three yelled and waved at the tiger but insisted they never threw anything into its pen to provoke the cat, according to a search warrant affidavit obtained by the San Francisco Chronicle.

"As a result of this investigation, (police believe) that the tiger may have been taunted/agitated by its eventual victims," according to Inspector Valerie Matthews, who prepared the affidavit. Police believe that "this factor contributed to the tiger escaping from its enclosure and attacking its victims," she said.

Sousa's father, Carlos Sousa Sr., said Dhaliwal told him the three stood on a 3-foot-tall metal railing a few feet from the edge of the tiger moat. "When they got down they heard a noise in the bushes, and the tiger was jumping out of the bushes on him (Paul Dhaliwal)," the documents said.

Police found a partial shoe print that matched Paul Dhaliwal's on top of the railing, Matthews said in the documents.

The papers said Paul Dhaliwal told Sousa that no one was dangling his legs over the enclosure. Authorities believe the tiger leaped or climbed out of the enclosure, which had a wall 4 feet shorter than the recommended minimum.

The affidavit also cites multiple reports of a group of young men taunting animals at the zoo, the Chronicle reported.

Mark Geragos, an attorney for the Dhaliwal brothers, did not immediately return a call late Thursday by The Associated Press for comment. He has repeatedly said they did not taunt the tiger.

Calls to Sousa and Michael Cardoza, an attorney for the Sousa family, also weren't returned.

Toxicology results for Dhaliwal showed that his blood alcohol level was 0.16 — twice the legal limit for driving, according to the affidavit. His 24-year-old brother, Kulbir, and Sousa also had alcohol in their blood but within the legal limit, Matthews wrote.

All three also had marijuana in their systems, Matthews said. Kulbir Dhaliwal told police that the three had smoked pot and each had "a couple shots of vodka" before leaving San Jose for the zoo on Christmas Day, the affidavit said.

Police found a small amount of marijuana in Kulbir Dhaliwal's 2002 BMW, which the victims rode to the zoo, as well as a partially filled bottle of vodka, according to court documents.

Investigators also recovered messages and images from the cell phones, but apparently nothing incriminating in connection with the tiger attack, the Chronicle reported.

Zoo spokesman Sam Singer said he had not seen the documents but believed the victims did taunt the animal, even though they claim they hadn't.

"Those brothers painted a completely different picture to the public and the press," Singer said. "Now it's starting to come out that what they said is not true."

House chairman wants testimony on e-mails

By PETE YOST
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WASHINGTON — A White House chart indicates no e-mail was archived on 473 days for various units of the Executive Office of the President, a House committee chairman says.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., says a White House spokesman's comments suggesting no e-mail had disappeared conflicted with what congressional staffers were told in September.

On Thursday night, Waxman said he was scheduling a hearing for Feb. 15 and challenged the White House to explain spokesman Tony Fratto's remark that "we have absolutely no reason to believe that any e-mails are missing."

Fratto based his comment on the contents of a White House declaration filed in federal court casting doubt on the accuracy of a chart created by a former White House employee that points to a large volume of e-mail gone from White House servers.

The brief description of the chart in the sworn declaration appears to match Waxman's description of what White House officials showed his staff at a Sept. 19 briefing.

There are 16 days of no archived e-mails from Sept. 12, 2003, to May 23, 2005, for the office of Vice President Dick Cheney, according to Waxman's letter announcing the hearing. There are a dozen days of no archived e-mails for the White House Office inside the EOP, starting Dec. 17, 2003, and ending on Feb. 8, 2004, Waxman's letter added.

Waxman said the White House officials took the chart on which the information is based with them, while indicating the White House was doing an additional analysis to determine whether the information in the chart was accurate.

Asked to testify are White House Counsel Fred Fielding; Alan Swendiman, director of the White House Office of Administration, and Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States.

Waxman called the hearing after Fratto tried to tamp down the growing e-mail controversy.

Fratto's comments shifted away from White House statements last spring that expressed uncertainty over whether the allegations were true or not.

"We tried to reconstruct some of the work" in the chart and "could not authenticate the correctness of the data," said Fratto.

Valley briefs

WCCC offers late-start session

Westmoreland County Community College is offering a late-start session of credit classes for students who were unable to enroll when the regular spring semester began.

The schedule provides an opportunity for students to complete a full semester of 12 credits in 12 weeks, although some classes are shorter-term. Students have the option of attending part-time and taking just one or two classes.

Class start dates range from Feb. 7 through late April. Late-start classes, scheduled days and evenings, will be conducted at the Youngwood campus as well as the Alle-Kiski, Bushy Run, Mon Valley, Greene County, Indiana County and Laurel education centers.

More than 30 classes are available online.

The classes are worth from one to three credits each, depending on the course.

Tuition is $73 per credit for Westmoreland County residents.

For a complete schedule and to register, call 1 (800) 262-2103 or visit the Web site www.wccc.edu.

Route 28 closed after warehouse fire

ETNA (AP) — After a large warehouse fire in the Pittsburgh suburb of Etna was brought under control, police said northbound Route 28 in the area remained closed this morning.

The warehouse is just a few hundred feet south of a highway overpass in an industrial park.

Fire crews said the blaze started in an apartment and spread to the warehouse, which houses a metal cleaning company. Everybody got out of the apartment safely.

Hazardous materials crews were called because some chemicals used by the company can be dangerous, but there are no reports of problems so far.

The fire was reported just before 4 a.m.

The northbound highway is closed because it is clogged with emergency vehicles responding to the fire.

Comcast CEO's ouster sought

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One of the largest shareholders of Comcast Corp. is upset with the cable operator's flagging stock price and wants the chief executive ousted.

Describing Comcast's management and board supervision as a "Comcastrophe" — playing off its advertising tagline of "Comcastic" — Chieftain Capital Management Inc. in New York wants better shareholder returns from the cable company.

"It's time for a change," Chieftain said in a Jan. 14 letter to the Philadelphia company's board of directors. "We want and deserve the best CEO Comcast's board of directors can find — and, based on his record, Brian Roberts is not it."

Shares of Comcast fell 77 cents to $17.41 on Thursday, moving toward a four-year low.

Chieftain owns 60.5 million Comcast shares, equivalent to a 2 percent ownership stake.

Comcast said it has met with Chieftain, an investment adviser, but disagreed with its views and will answer the letter in due course.

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The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute team of Patrick Moore, right, and Yuan Chang, who are married, and Huichen Feng and Masahiro Shuda believe they may have pinpointed a virus that causes a rare skin cancer. If proven, it would be the eighth known virus to cause cancer in humans and the second discovered by Moore and Chang.

Pitt team links rare skin cancer to virus

This agressive cancer strikes about 1,500 people in the U.S. each year.

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PITTSBURGH – It took Dr. Patrick Moore and his research team a decade to find the first strong evidence that a specific virus causes a rare and deadly skin cancer called Merkel Cell Carcinoma.

The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute scientist announced Thursday in the journal Science that the methodology could be repeated to more quickly find other viral causes of cancer, giving hope for accelerated searches for cures. Scientists estimate about one-fifth of all cancers might be linked to infections.

"This is very, very exciting," said Dr. Paul Nghiem, a scientist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, who was not involved in the research but has treated more than 100 Merkel cell cancer patients. He congratulated the Pitt researchers for their "heroic, needle-in-a-haystack search for this viral cause of cancer."

Merkel Cell Carcinoma is an aggressive cancer that strikes about 1,500 people in the United States each year. When found in advanced stages, it kills about half its victims within nine months. By comparison, about 60,000 cases of melanoma are diagnosed every year and about 14 percent of those people die.

Because Merkel Cell Carcinoma frequently occurs in people with weak immune systems, such as people with AIDS or organ transplant patients on immunosuppressant drugs, doctors long suspected that infection plays a role in the cancer's development.

George Campbell, 59, of Charleston, S.C., started a Merkel cell cancer support group two years ago while battling the disease. He said many doctors do not know to treat it quickly before it spreads, and he encourages people diagnosed with it to consult one of about a dozen experts nationwide.

Moore and fellow Pitt Cancer Institute researchers Dr. Yuan Chang, Huichen Feng and Masahiro Shuda, compared the genetic make-up of the tumor to the human genome. They cross-referenced the differences against a database of viral genomes.

"The best way to think of it would be if you had two Pittsburgh phone directories and one had an extra name in it," Moore said. "It would be impossible for you or I to find the extra name. But if you knew it was there, you could have a computer compare the two and subtract all the matches. Then you'd be left with one name."

One virus in the database, called polyomavirus, shared characteristics with rogue genetic building blocks in the tumor, equivalent to 0.00001 percent of the tumor's genetic make-up.

It was the signature of an as-yet undiscovered virus.

"We were all very excited," said Chang, a pathology professor. "We'd been looking for viruses that are associated with human disease for a long time."

The team named it Merkel cell polyomavirus, but emphasized they haven't proven the virus causes the cancer. Because it is present in most Merkel cell tumors tested and because the cancer disproportionately afflicts people prone to infection, it is a prime suspect.

They found that about 16 percent of people carry the Merkel cell polyomavirus, but this doesn't mean those people will get cancer. It indicates that most people's immune systems fight the virus, keeping it from infecting cells and causing cancer.

Army's recruiting battalion to close

PITTSBURGH – The Army's downtown Pittsburgh recruiting battalion headquarters will close by mid-March as part of a nationwide revamping of the Army Recruiting Command, federal officials said.

The headquarters is being merged into the Harrisburg-based battalion. The merger won't close or move any street-level recruiting stations.

Dale Terry, spokesman for the Pittsburgh battalion, said 29 Army and civilian employees are transferring to new positions or retiring because of the move.

Douglas Smith, spokesman for the national command, said the changes are part of an ongoing trend that will trim the number of recruiting battalions to 38. There were 60 in the 1980s.

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Pa. Turnpike defenders go on the offense

Privatization opponents say motorists would face higher fare hikes.

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HARRISBURG -- Turnpike supporters on Thursday fired back at those who back privatizing the toll highway, saying that could result in fare hikes more than double what motorists would face if the road remains under state control.

"Those toll increases are going to be significant," Majority Whip Keith McCall of Carbon County, the No. 2 House Democrat, told the Tribune-Review. "They (private companies) are going to want a big return on their money."

Turnpike chief Joe Brimmeier of Ross echoed those comments in an interview, as momentum built for Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell's plan to lease the turnpike to raise money for highways, bridges and mass transit. Top Republicans in the House and Senate have backed the concept and House Democratic Policy Chairman Todd Eachus of Luzerne County has said he will consider it.

Even with fare caps built into a contract there would be flexibility for extraordinary circumstances that would permit a company to raise the rates, Brimmeier predicted.

He said throwing out Act 44 -- a transportation funding law from July -- would be unfair to turnpike travelers because they would bear the brunt of paying for transit needs. The law, which calls for tolls on Interstate 80, spreads one-third of the cost to motorists using that highway.

"With a private lease it is very unfair to the present users of the turnpike," Brimmeier said. "If the turnpike is sold and Act 44 is repealed, the present users of the turnpike will be responsible for paying the entire bill for the rest of the state.

"Why should users of I-80 get a free ride?"

Brimmeier understandably "would want to protect the agency where he is executive director," said Chuck Ardo, Rendell's spokesman. "However, there is no reason to believe tolls would be significantly higher under private management than they would be under the commission's oversight."

Under Act 44, turnpike fares will increase 25 percent in 2009. Future increases will be pegged to the rate of inflation -- about 3 percent annually during recent years.

Rendell, who is expected to preview his turnpike lease proposal during a Feb. 5 budget address, pushed the plan last year but lawmakers showed little interest in it. He will seek bids and present them to the Legislature, Ardo said.

McCall yesterday said the House Transportation Committee would hire a Harvard economist to do a "complete, independent study" of privatizing the turnpike. The House will employ John Foote at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and two Penn State professors for a $75,000 study due in mid-February, said committee Chairman Rep. Joe Markosek, D-Monroeville.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

DANIELS — June E. Daniels, 82, of Charleroi, formerly of Rostraver Township, on Thursday, Jan. 17. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

GIRARDIN — Audrey A. Girardin, 71, of Allenpport, on Wednesday, Jan. 16.*

MOFFIT — JoAnn Moffit, 73, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Jan. 17. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

TAYLOR — Joye K. Taylor, 69, of Rostraver Township, on Thursday, Jan. 17. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

VUGRINOVICH — Michael Vugrinovich, of Finleyville, on Thursday, Jan. 17. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
JONES, Robert C.*
NEVIN, Ruth E.*
*** See death notice**

JoAnn Moffit
Charleroi

JoAnn Moffit, 73, of Charleroi, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born March 1, 1934, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Paul and Mary Miklos Frantz. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Carl Braunegg, of Harrisburg, and Juliann and Doug Hawk, of Charleroi; one brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Stella Frantz, of Charleroi; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Margaret Luzansky, of Belle Vernon, Sister Angeline O.S.F., of Bellevue, and Bernice and Frank Petrarca, of McDonald; three grandchildren, Grace, Rose and Benjamin Hawk; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Moffit; her son, Thomas Moffit; five brothers, Paul Jr., Rudolph, Bernard, William and Albert Frantz; and two sisters, Helen Woytovich and Mary Gunchuck. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, and interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

June E. Daniels
Charleroi

June Elizabeth Daniels, 82, of Charleroi, formerly of Rostraver Township, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. Born in McKeesport on Jan. 31, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Marie Massung Rinehart. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Strangis, of Charleroi; three grandchildren, Sherri Ruffolo, Frank Strangis Jr. and girlfriend, Amanda Koschak, and Nina D'Antonio and husband, Joseph; and three great-grandchildren, Francesca and Jo Jo Ruffolo and Roman Joseph D'Antonio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Frank Daniels, in 1994. Friends will be received Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Family and friends are asked to meet Monday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church, 624 Washington Ave., Charleroi, for a Funeral Mass. Interment will follow in Howe Cemetery, Coal Center.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Robert C. Jones
Greensburg

Robert C. Jones, 74, of Greensburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. He was born Sept. 19, 1933, in Fayette City, a son of the late Willard and Lavina Lindey Jones. He served in the Navy. Robert was a member of South Greensburg United Methodist Church. Prior to retirement, he worked for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel in Allenport. His memberships included the AMS Club of South Greensburg, the Hempfield Township Roosevelt Club, the Hannastown Social Club, the Crabtree Social Club, the American Legion Post 981 of South Greensburg, the Youngwood Moose No. 23, the South Greensburg Hunt Club, the Hempfield Hunt Club of New Stanton, the Allenport Rod and Gun Club, the Keystone Rod and Gun Club in Hannastown and the FO Eagles Aerie 983 of Brookville. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Phyllis Godissart. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Deborah Flock Jones; two daughters, Robyn Jones and her fiance, Robert Smith, and Jennifer Knavel and her husband, Justin, all of Greensburg; five grandchildren, Robert, David and Andrew Smith and Taylor and Reese Knavel; and a sixth grandchild due in April. Also surviving are two brothers, Donald M. Jones, of Belle Vernon, and Willard R. "Junior" Jones, of Fayette City. Family and friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the BARNHART FUNERAL HOME, 505 East Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Greg Spencer officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to South Greensburg United Methodist Church, 411 Sheridan Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. For directions and online information, please visit www.BarnhartFuneralHome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Audrey A. Girardin
Allenpport

Audrey A. Girardin, 71, of Allenport, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008. She was born May 29, 1936, in Charleroi, and was the loving wife of the late Jack D. Girardin and daughter of the late Philip and Blanche Meli. Audrey was employed by Image II Salon in Charleroi. She was active in the Monessen Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she was a Past Worthy Matron. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Blanche V. and Richard A. Hardy; her son, Jack A. Girardin; her grandson and wife, Frank J. Lucas III and Madelan S. White, and their son, her great-grandson, Frank J. Lucas IV; and her daughter, Marianne E. Girardin, and granddaughter, Cristianne E. Girardin. Friends will be received at the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Friday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Members of the OES will conduct a service at 7:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service in the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ruth E. Nevin
Greensburg
Formerly of Elizabeth

Ruth E. Nevin, 89, of Greensburg, formerly of the Elizabeth and Monongahela areas, died on her birthday, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Redstone Highlands, Greensburg. She was born Jan. 16, 1919, in Elizabeth, the daughter of the late James Gordon Nevin Sr. and Mary Sloss Nevin. She was a 1936 graduate of Elizabeth High School, a 1940 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a B.S. degree in health and physical education and earned a master's of education degree in 1948 from the University of Pittsburgh. A retired teacher of 35 years of service at Monongahela High School (now Ringgold School District), she had been a member of various professional and civic organizations on a national, state and local level. Prior to moving to Greensburg in 1986, she was an active member of Bethesda United Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth. In Greensburg, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was active with the Presbyterian Women, Lois Circle, Strock Bible Class, Highlanders and the Mission Committee. She is survived by a brother, J. Gordon Nevin, of Scottdale; a sister, Doris E. Nevin, of Greensburg; 10 nieces and nephews; 31 great-nieces and -nephews; 25 great-great-nieces and -nephews; and one great-great-great-niece. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucile Nevin Smith, wife of Dr. Albert B. Smith, and Marie Nevin Johnston, wife of the Rev. William R. Johnston. Ruth's wishes were to have no public visitation. A committal service will be at 11 a.m. in Round Hill Cemetery Chapel, Elizabeth Township. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, with the Rev. Martin R. Ankrum officiating. Family and friends will be received in the dining room area of First Presbyterian Church after the service. KEPPLE-GRAFT FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg, entrusted with the arrangements. Online information available at www.kepplegraft.com. If you so wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, Mission Fund, 300 South Main St., Greensburg; Redstone Highlands Senior Living Community, Benevolent Care Fund, 6 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg; or a charity of one's choice.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joye K. Taylor
Rostraver Township

Joye K. Taylor, 69, of Rostraver Township, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Brownsville on March 17, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Karl and Pearl Thomas Wise. A homemaker, Joye was a member of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Rostraver Township. She is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Taylor; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Vanessa Taylor, of Spotsylvania, Va., Ronald C. and Cindy Taylor, of Belle Vernon, and Lee and Donna Taylor, of Allison; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deana and Ted Sobek, of Perryopolis, Cindy and Kevin Granato, of Coal Center, and Jodi and Gary Evans, of Belle Vernon; 13 grandchildren, Melody, Jill and Daniel Taylor, Jennifer and Kelsey Taylor and Ryan Chapman, Shaye, Ashton and Braden Taylor, Alexa Sobek, Natalie and Brandon Granato, and Ellie Evans; one brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Ruth Wise, of Warsaw, Ind.; a special aunt, June Hess; nephew, Steven and Charlotte Wise; and numerous other nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Family and friends are asked to gather at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in Olive Branch Baptist Church for a funeral service with the Rev. George Lammay and the Rev. Norman Melser co-officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson, Monongahela

The following cases were held before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson, of Monongahela, this week:

■ Christopher Casteel, 19, of 104 Tenth St., Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct Dec. 7 by Monongahela police. The case was dismissed.

■ Robert Corbett, 40, of 415 Jackson St., Monongahela, was charged with harassment Dec. 7 by Monongahela police. The case was dismissed.

■ Robert Joseph Gunnoe, 36, of 543 Independence Ave., Uniontown, and Brian K. Helmuck, 31, of 318 Westminster Ave., Greensburg, were each charged with theft and criminal conspiracy Jan. 7 by Monongahela police. The cases were waived to court.

■ Frank Weir, 71, of 216 Castner Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness Dec. 1 by Donora police. The charges were dismissed.

■ Erick Jerome Griffin, 43, of 112 Allen Ave., Donora, was charged with two counts of DUI and driving while his license was suspended Dec. 1 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Robert Eugene Smith, 37, of 504 Chess St., Monongahela, was charged with public drunkenness, harassment and disorderly conduct Dec. 8 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Shaun McGavitt, 28, of 311 Rod Way, Donora, was charged with harassment Nov. 14 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Barbara Sanders, 51, of 400 McKean Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Nov. 7 by Donora police. She was found guilty.

■ Michael Gori, 51,of 973 McKean Ave., Donora, was charged with violating a borough ordinance by parking business vehicles on borough streets Dec. 12, 14 and 15 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Zachary Thomas Burris, 19, of 1010 W. Main St., Monongahela, was charged with public drunkenness and underage drinking Nov. 27 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Shaun Acton, 39, of 116 Bradford Ave., Donora, was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and unlawful restraint Jan. 6 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Thomas Kovalak, 18, of 498 Franklin Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct June 30 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Brenda Arlene Pelzer, 45, of 303 Shady Ave., Charleroi, was charged with disorderly conduct Dec. 9 by Donora police. She was found guilty.

■ David Nelson Lenhart, 28, of 205 Third Ave., Monongahela, was charged with DUI and traffic violations Nov. 29 by Monongahela police. The charges were waived to court.

■ Benjamin Griffey, 33, of 213 Fifth St., Apt. 3F, Charleroi, was charged with theft from a vehicle and criminal conspiracy May 30, 2003, by Donora police. The charges were dismissed because no victim or officer showed.

■ Danielle Cintella, 21, of 104 Tenth St., Monongahela, was charged with theft by deception and theft by unlawful taking Nov. 20 by a private party. The case was waived to court.

POLICE LOG

Washington Township

■ Rose M. Jericho, 23, of 215 Kenric Ave., Donora, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct 2:40 p.m. Jan. 4 at a residence on Edwards Streets, police reported.

She was arraigned before Magisterial District Justice Wendy Davis in Night Court and placed in the Fayette County Correctional Facility in lieu of $10,000 bond.

Additionally, Brandi J. Estock, 26, of 635 Third St., Donora, was charged with possession of as controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and criminal conspiracy, according to police. She was placed in Washington County Correctional Facility on a probation violation.

■ Robert D. Zuro, 53, of 346 Krulik Ave., Washington Township, was charged with DUI and careless driving 1:10 a.m. Sunday after he lost control of his vehicle and struck a telephone pole at the intersection of Perry Avenue and Cook Road, police reported.

California

■ Carl Marshall, 55, of California, was cited 9:33 a.m. Tuesday for disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic after he allegedly was standing on the median of Wood Street Extension waving a sign and interfering with traffic, police said.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Rudy George Mayak, 52, of Monroeville, reported that sometime during the hours of 3 p.m. Jan. 10 and 9:30 a.m. Jan. 12 someone broke into a vacant house he owns in Union Township and removed copper pipes and a water meter.

■ Gerald Allen Fordyce, 41, of Bentleyville, was cited for public drunkenness 2:14 a.m. Monday on Main Street in Bentleyville, police said.

Forward Township

■ Police responded to a burglary in process 12:17 p.m. Thursday at a home on Sunnyside Hollow Road. Arrested at the scene was Clifford Hoak, 22, of 212 North Second St., Clairton. A second person – David Daniel Foster, 34, of 324 Ohio Ave., Clairton – was tracked through the nearby woods and ultimately arrested by police on Williamsport Road, police reported.

Both men were charged with burglary, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, theft, receiving stolen property, criminal attempt and criminal conspiracy, according to police. They were remanded to the Allegheny County Jail. Monongahela police assisted at the scene.

In Memory Of
Blaine E. Martin
In loving memory of our beloved husband & father, Blaine E. Martin, who passed away 1 year ago today, January 18, 2007.
Little did we know that morning the sorrow the day would bring. The end was sudden, the shock severe, to part with you, the one we loved so dear. We did not know the pain you had or hear your final sigh, we only know that you had left us without a last goodbye. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. Many a lonely heartache after a lonely tear, you have passed beyond our love and care, but not beyond our thoughts and prayers. When days are dark and friends are few, dearly beloved, how we long for you.
Sadly missed and loved by wife Diane & daughter Filomena.

Bobby Fischer dead at 64

Former chess champion lived outside U.S. since forfeiting title in 1975.

Fischer

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Bobby Fischer, the reclusive American chess master who became a Cold War icon when he dethroned the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky as world champion in 1972, has died. He was 64.

Fischer died Thursday in a Reykjavik hospital, his spokesman, Gardar Sverrisson, said. There was no immediate word on the cause of death.

Born in Chicago and raised in Brooklyn, Robert James Fischer was a U.S. chess champion at 14 and a grand master at 15. He beat Spassky in a series of games in Reykjavik to claim America's first world chess championship in more than a century.

The event was given tremendous symbolic importance, pitting the intensely individualistic young American against a product of the grim and soulless Soviet Union.

It also was marked by Fischer's odd behavior — possibly calculated psychological warfare against Spassky — that ranged from arriving two days late to complaining about the lighting, TV cameras, the spectators, even the shine on the table.

Spassky said in a brief phone call from France, where he lives, that he was "very sorry" to hear of Fischer's death.

Fischer's reputation as a genius of chess soon was eclipsed by his idiosyncrasies.

Fischer was world champion until 1975, when he forfeited the title and withdrew from competition because conditions he demanded proved unacceptable to the International Chess Federation.

After that, he lived in secret outside the United States. He emerged in 1992 to confront Spassky again, in a highly publicized match in Yugoslavia. Fischer beat Spassky 10-5 to win $3.35 million.

The U.S. government said Fischer's playing the match violated U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia, imposed for Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic's role in fomenting war in the Balkans.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Magisterial court correction

In Monday's listing of cases heard before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson of Monongahela, the name of Randy Guzick was omitted.

Guzick, of 227 Galbreath Drive, Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct Oct. 29 by Carroll Township police. The case was dismissed.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 18

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2008. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

On this date:

■ In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

■ In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

■ In 1871, William I of Prussia was proclaimed German Emperor in Versailles, France.

■ In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles, France.

■ In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

■ In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

■ In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they had broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted).

■ In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

■ In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

■ In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

■ **Ten years ago**: Pope John Paul II named 22 new cardinals, including Archbishop Francis Eugene George of Chicago and James Francis Stafford, the former archbishop of Denver. The motion picture "Titanic" won four Golden Globes, including best drama and best director for James Cameron.

■ **Five years ago**: Top U.N. officials warned Iraq it was running out of time to cooperate and avoid war. Protesters nationwide and overseas demonstrated in opposition to possible war in Iraq. Michelle Kwan won her sixth straight U.S. Figure Skating Championships title and seventh overall; Michael Weiss won his third U.S. men's title.

■ **One year ago**: Truck driver Tyrone Williams was spared the death penalty and sentenced in Houston to life in prison for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed in a sweltering tractor-trailer.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Movie director John Boorman is 75. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 67. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 55. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 53. Country singer Mark Collie is 52. Actress Jane Horrocks is 44. Comedian Dave Attell is 43. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 39. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 37. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 35. Actor Derek Richardson is 32. Actor Jason Segel is 28. Actress Samantha Mumba is 25.

High-school graduation test plan gets approval

Starting with the class of 2014, students would have to pass final exams in order to graduate.

By PETER JACKSON
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The state Board of Education on Thursday gave initial approval to a plan that would require students to pass a series of state-sanctioned tests before they can receive high school diplomas — a topic that has driven a wedge between many educators and Gov. Ed Rendell's administration.

The plan, which the board approved 11-0 with one member abstaining, would effectively create a system of rolling exit exams for Pennsylvania's public high schools.

Starting with the class of 2014 — this year's sixth-graders — students would have to pass final examinations covering English, math, science and social studies. Schools would be required to provide remedial help for those who fail and give them opportunities to retake the tests so they can graduate.

Proponents say the new requirement would ensure that students in all 501 school districts uniformly meet the state's academic standards when they graduate, making them more likely to succeed whether they go to college or enter the work force after high school.

The state's largest teachers union and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association complain that it places too much emphasis on a single test and undermines the authority of local school boards to set educational policy.

The four people who testified before the board Thursday all spoke for organizations that oppose the plan.

"If we're so certain ... this is needed for success, we have a room of successful people here. Let's all take the test, see if we would graduate," suggested William R. Hartman Jr., director of the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals.

Board Chairman Karl R. Girton acknowledged the contention surrounding Thursday's vote by noting that both sides can make their cases as the state Independent Regulatory Review Commission scrutinizes the proposal in the months ahead. The Board of Education also is expected to take a final vote following the expected monthslong review by IRRC, according to spokesman Mike Race.

"It's important for everybody that this not become a blame game," Girton said. "This is not a problem of teachers. It's not a problem of schools. We can't go where we need to go if we spend all of our time pointing fingers."

Education Secretary Gerald Zahorchak said 57,000 of last year's high-school graduates — 45 percent of the statewide total — failed to demonstrate proficiency in reading and math on Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests.

Zahorchak said business leaders, work force investment officials, school superintendents and school board presidents he has talked with across the state have expressed strong support for the proposed testing.

"I tell you, we sing to the choir when we talk about measuring and holding the system accountable," he said.

Some board members expressed concern that limited funding might reduce remedial training available to children from poor and minority families.

Currently, students are required to pass either the PSSA or a locally designed test that measures how well they meet state standards. But state approval for the local tests is not required, and critics say the system has fostered graduation standards that vary from district to district.

Under the pending plan, recommended by a panel that Rendell appointed to strengthen the state's graduation standards, the state would create 10 subject-specific "graduation competency assessments." Students would need to pass six to graduate.

Test summary:

SCHOOL TESTS: The state Board of Education approved proposed regulations that require Pennsylvania high school students to pass a series of state-sanctioned tests before they can receive their diplomas, starting with the class of 2014.

THE BUZZ: Proponents say the plan would ensure that graduates uniformly meet the state's academic standards. Teachers and school boards say it places too much emphasis on one test and undermines local authority.

NEXT STEP: The state Independent Regulatory Review Commission will examine the proposal in the months ahead, and the Board of Education will take a final vote after that.

By The Associated Press

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Prosecution possible in Peterson case

CHICAGO (AP) — Twelve weeks of combing woods and construction sites on foot and horseback, diving into ponds and canals, and retracing Stacy Peterson's last contact with family and friends have shed little light on the 23-year-old mother of two's whereabouts.

Stacy Peterson

Neither investigators nor volunteer searchers have reported finding any trace of the woman — not a shred of clothing, a piece of jewelry or, most significantly, her body. And they're facing the very real possibility they never may.

So although authorities labeled Peterson's disappearance a possible homicide and named her husband, former Bolingbrook police Sgt. Drew Peterson, a suspect less than two weeks after she vanished, the question is whether anyone could ever be charged or tried in the case.

"Without a body, the average U.S. citizen would probably tell you that it is impossible," said Daniel Bibb, a former New York assistant district attorney who helped prosecute Dr. Robert Bierenbaum, a plastic surgeon convicted of killing his wife and dropping her body into the ocean from a small plane.

Suspects have been brought to trial — and convicted — in cases where not only is the body missing, but physical evidence linking the suspect to the crime doesn't exist.

Israel orders Gaza borders closed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has ordered all border crossings into Gaza temporarily closed, further slashing the flow of vital supplies to the coastal strip in a bid to pressure its Hamas rulers to stop rocket attacks into Israeli towns, defense officials said today.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak's decision was prompted by an escalation of rocket fire following an Israeli anti-rocket raid in Gaza that left 19 Palestinians dead Tuesday, including the son of a prominent Hamas leader.

It was not immediately clear which supplies would not be allowed into strip, said Defense Ministry spokesman Shlomo Dror. The territory, home to 1.4 million Palestinians, receives food and humanitarian supplies from Israel and aid organizations.

Lindsay Lohan to work in morgue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan is about to see dead people. The 21-year-old actress will soon be working at a morgue as part of her punishment for misdemeanor drunken driving, her attorney, Blair Berk, told a judge Thursday.

Lohan

She has also spent two months in rehabilitation and has done some community service, Berk said at a hearing on her progress toward fulfilling the terms of her plea bargain.

She must also spend two days working in a hospital emergency room.

PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5

Two players hit 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $158,107.50.

Lottery officials said 321 players matched four numbers and won $182.50 each; 8,557 players matched three numbers and won $7.50 each; and 79,027 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

Seeking exports

Do you know of someone who once lived in the Mon Valley, but moved on to forge a life elsewhere?

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PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

DAY PICK 3:	4-0-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	1-6-5
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-3-2-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	1-5-8-7
TREASURE HUNT:	2-3-4-15-30
MIX & MATCH:	9-5-16-6-12
CASH 5:	1-4-7-9-30

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

DAY PICK 3:	2-7-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-6-8
DAY PICK 4:	0-3-2-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	7-6-5-4
ROLLING CASH 5:	7-10-11-16-32

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

DAILY 3:	1-3-1
DAILY 4:	6-4-5-0
CASH 25:	10-14-15-16-24-25

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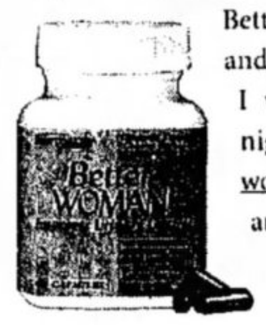

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OUR OPINION

Reform before raising taxes

A FEDERAL COMMISSION is recommending an increase in gasoline taxes of as much as 40 cents a gallon over five years — and then indexed to inflation after that — to reduce traffic congestion and repair our crumbling transportation infrastructure.

Too bad that the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission chose first to endorse what should be the last option.

There's no doubt traffic congestion is building. There's also no doubt there's not enough money to keep up with required repairs of our roads and bridges.

But the commission's prescription is overkill, especially considering what's going on in the real world.

To wit, last summer's collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis quickly became the poster child of the aging infrastructure argument. But on the very day that the transportation committee's report was revealed, investigators announced it was a design flaw that felled the Minnesota bridge that left 13 dead.

What other design flaws are out there masquerading as maintenance deficiencies?

And what about the billions of dollars in transportation pork? Pittsburgh has the boondoggle known as the North Shore Connector, an oversold and now downsized, overbudget extension of the nation's shortest subway. We'll bet every state in the union has something similar; raising taxes likely would only fatten the pigs.

Raising federal gasoline taxes places the cart squarely before the horse. Or in this case, higher taxation before meaningful reform.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News, on doctors using computers to save health care dollars:

It's shocking, when you think about it: While your bank, your employer and much of your life depend on computers to function, your doctor is most likely stuck in the dark ages of communication. ...

The shelves and shelves of paper charts you see in many medical offices are evidence of that. Records that should be stored on a computer are taking up whole rooms and require staff to keep them sorted.

The lack of updated technology hurts the quality of care and contributes to high costs. ...

One big incentive for getting medical offices online is eliminating prescription errors.

Wrong prescriptions and wrong doses are a big problem. Handwriting is often the culprit. If a doctor types the prescription and faxes it to the pharmacy, many potential errors are eliminated. ...

AARP Alaska supports the Alaska e-medicine efforts because the changeover will allow patients to be more engaged in managing their health care. They'll get message reminders, and can maintain diaries of symptoms and side effects, schedule medical appointments online and track their own test results.

There are caveats. Whatever system evolves, patients must be able to control who has access to it. For example, a person who tested HIV-positive might not want his employer or insurer to know that. ...

This effort now needs a big push from the state. State health officials should get behind it and encourage the Legislature to contribute the necessary funding.

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We aren't electing a warrior in chief

Charley **REESE**

The thing to remember, despite the rhetoric to the contrary, is that we are not at war with Islam. The "war on terror" is a faulty metaphor. The only terrorist group with whom we have a score to settle is al-Qaida, and al-Qaida is not a country. It has no state, no army, no large popular support. It is, in fact, nothing more than a criminal gang of fanatics.

The presidential election should not be thought of as choosing a warrior in chief. Our most pressing problems are mainly domestic — though to be sure, part of solving those domestic problems is extracting ourselves from Iraq and Afghanistan and thus stopping the enormous drain on our treasury.

The potentially most dangerous candidates are Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani, both of whom have surrounded themselves with the same fanatic advisers who pushed us into war with Iraq and tried to get us into a war with Iran. Mitt Romney, in my judgment, is also dangerous because he seems to be as naive and ignorant of the world outside our borders as George W. Bush was. John McCain, though sensible at the moment, is too old. A clear mind and high energy are always at risk at his age, especially in the case of a man who has been through what he had to endure. We would be gambling against the odds that he could hold up in such a stressful job.

The Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary are mainly media events and yield few delegates. The point is to not count anyone out until the big states have voted. The only polls that count are the results of voters who actually turn out and cast their ballots. Iowa and New Hampshire notwithstanding, the nominees of the two parties are yet to be chosen.

But back to the domestic problems, the main domestic blunder committed by President Bush was to cut taxes and get us into two expensive wars at the same time. Thus, the federal debt has zoomed to about $9 trillion, a number almost incomprehensible. Unless remedial steps are taken, it won't be long before Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and interest on the debt will consume the entire federal budget. Clearly, tax increases are on the horizon, and the chief task of the new president will be to devise and push through Congress a fairer and more equitable tax system.

Another problem the new president will face is to devise a system that will provide disincentives for American industry to move their manufacturing jobs overseas to cheap-labor countries. No country with a service economy can maintain a high standard of living. I would favor punitive tariffs on American-brand products being shipped back to the United States by the multinational companies. Free trade, for example, with wholly owned Japanese products would amount to fair trade, since their wages are practically on a par with ours. But what are really intracorporate transfers, such as an American company farming out its manufacturing process to a cheap-labor country like China, should be penalized.

America was built on hope — hope that a family that worked hard could provide a better future for its children. With the massive loss of manufacturing jobs, that hope is waning among more and more American families. In many cases, their children are not better off and can't find good-paying jobs. It is a simple economic fact that only value-added manufacturing jobs can provide decent wages for most working-class Americans. Cheap labor is the crack cocaine of capitalists, and the government has a legitimate role in breaking them of their addiction.

Somebody needs to tell the manufacturers that if you want to manufacture your shoes in Thailand, then count on selling them in Thailand, because you aren't going to ship them back to the United States without a penalty so heavy as to make them uncompetitive. It's long past time to forget war and put Americans first.

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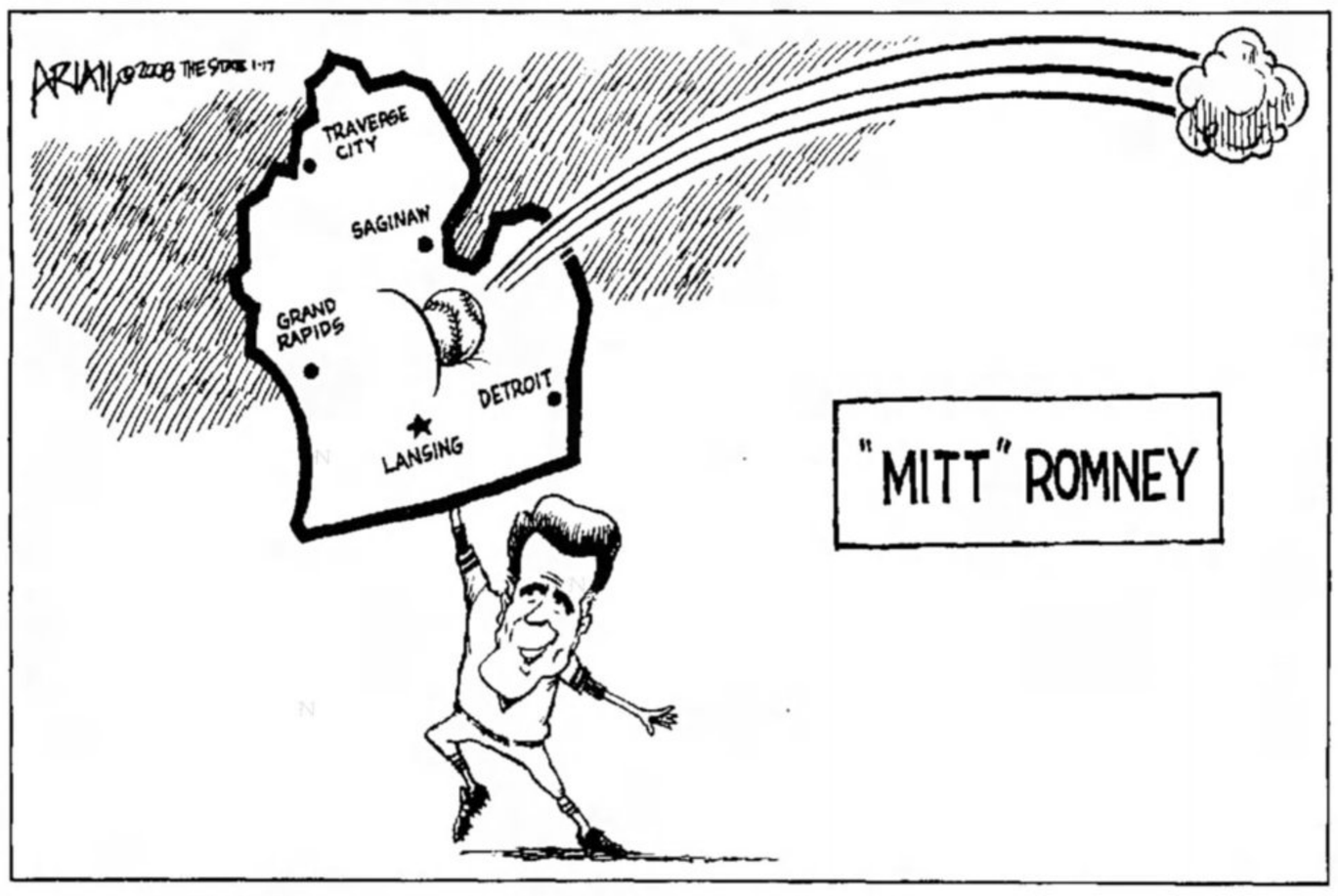

Vice presidents

William **RUSHER**

No discussion about possible presidential nominees gets far without the words "vice president" turning up. John Edwards doesn't seem quite up to the task of beating Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, but how about nominating him for vice president again (as in 2004)? Or, if Clinton is the nominee, might she feel obligated to name Obama instead (or vice versa)?

And, over on the Republican side, if McCain gets the Republican nomination, who should be his running mate? One may wonder whether Mitt Romney, or even Rudy Giuliani, would be willing to accept the second spot; and anyway having two white males on the ticket might seem too much of a muchness in 2008, especially if the Democrats are adventuresome. But how about Condoleezza Rice?

Don't kid yourself that the vice presidency is too trivial a post to contend for, however much a person may claim to spurn it. The average politician would kill for a chance at it. Serving four years in supremely comfortable surroundings while just one heartbeat from the presidency is the ultimate dream job. For one thing, its sheer prominence laid the foundation for five vice presidents to go on to the presidency. And the death of the president, through ill health, an assassin's bullet or resignation put nine others in the Oval Office without even having to run for it. Added together, that's a third of America's presidents. It's true that some people (like Romney and Giuliani, mentioned above) have held political positions so high, or acquired reputations so formidable, that the vice presidential nomination might at first seem too trivial for them to consider. But you can be sure that even they would think long and hard before declining the offer.

The first impulse, in considering who should receive the vice presidential nomination, is usually a sentimental inclination to choose the big loser for the top spot. Thus, as noted above, if Hillary wins the Democratic nomination, Obama springs immediately to mind for the vice presidency. Similarly, if McCain is the Republican choice, his chief rival -- Romney, say -- will be touted for second place. But these automatic reactions don't necessarily prevail. Would the Democrats, having scored a first by nominating a woman for the presidency, be eager to double their bet on novelty by naming an African-American for the vice presidency? Or would they be wiser to pick a more conventional choice, like Edwards or Bill Richardson? The Republicans, conversely, if they name McCain or Romney for the presidency, may be on the lookout for a more original selection for vice president -- perhaps Rice, as suggested above.

In any case, you can be sure that the two presidential nominees will have only one question on their minds: Who can add most to the strength of the ticket? Sentimentality ("Let's pick Joe -- he was with us from the start") will have nothing to do with it. Conceivably the job may have been bargained away in the battle for the nomination, but this was likelier in the good old days of smoke-filled rooms than it is now, when primaries choose most of the delegates.

So the question of the vice presidential choice is almost sure to involve, in both parties, who can do the most for the ticket. In the case of the Democrats, however, there is certain to be a powerful inclination to give the spot to Obama -- not because he fills that bill, or even because he was (in our hypothesis) the chief defeated contender for the nomination, but because, as an African-American, he represents such a powerful bloc in the Democratic Party. It is well known that African-Americans vote overwhelmingly Democratic, but it isn't always appreciated how large a force they are in a Democratic convention. A third, or even more, of the delegates are likely to be African-Americans.

The result may be that the Democratic ticket will seem, as already suggested, heavily tilted in favor of two of its biggest voting blocs: feminists and blacks. And that may not be an advantage in November.

For the Republicans, the problem will be how to add a little flavor to a ticket that otherwise may seem a bit too plain vanilla. Is there a woman or a "person of color" somewhere in the Republican portfolio who could do the trick?

Clearly, in both parties, the selection of a vice presidential nominee is going to be an important consideration.

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TV LISTINGS

Man in love with woman his friends tell him not to marry

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I'll be brief. I am in love with a woman who has multiple personality disorder. My friends tell me I'm a fool for falling in love with such a woman.

I love her with all my heart and soul. I know I have a lot to handle, but my love for her is strong, and I know we can prevail. What do you think? — **TRUE LOVE TEXAN**

DEAR TEXAN: I'll be brief. I think you had better be absolutely certain that you love every facet of her splintered personality before any or all of you make a lifelong commitment.

DEAR ABBY: Have I committed a social error? The 97-year-old mother of an in-law of ours died recently. The family asked that memorials be sent to the local hospice in her memory. I sent a sizable check, but because we loved her like our own mother, I wanted also to send flowers.

I went to our florist and personally selected a beautiful vase that I thought the daughter could keep, and had it filled with flowers.

After the funeral service, as I walked by the casket, the daughter said to me, "Mother wanted memorials made to hospice." (Right! "Mother" was so out of it for several months that she didn't even know she was under hospice care.)

I spent a lot of money on that funeral and don't regret it. But why did the daughter make me feel so bad? She lashed out at me for doing something out of love for her and her mother. When we left the church the flowers were sitting there with our card still attached. Obviously, they didn't want them or the vase, so I brought them home to enjoy and will give the vase to one of my daughters.

Should I say anything, or should I consider the source? — **DONNA IN AKRON, OHIO**

DEAR DONNA: You should consider the circumstances. People who are grieving are not usually at their best or most gracious. The daughter may have been under the impression that the family's wishes had been ignored, and you had sent flowers instead of donating to the group that had helped and supported them and their mother during that critical time.

If the daughter hasn't already been notified about your generous gift (most organizations do inform the family of the deceased about donations received in their loved one's memory), I see nothing wrong with straightening out the misunderstanding. But do it gently and without anger.

DEAR ABBY: I recently let a friend borrow a bracelet of mine. I left it at her house and asked that she return it the next time we saw each other. That was Sunday morning, and I even called ahead of time to make sure she remembered. When we met, she told me she had forgotten to bring it.

A few days later I was at her house again. When she gave me the bracelet, it had been completely destroyed by her cat. She apologized and said she'd replace it. I said it was OK, and then asked if she would really buy me a new one. "No," she replied, "my cat did it, not me." I decided not to push the issue. The bracelet wasn't too expensive, but I feel I deserve some sort of payment because the cat didn't know any better. What should I do? — **AT A LOSS IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR AT A LOSS: The bracelet may not have been "too expensive," but chalk this up as a valuable lesson. Your "friend" is irresponsible and not entirely truthful. Unless you're willing to risk losing what you lend her, refrain from making that mistake again.

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FRIDAY EVENING — JAN. 18, 2008

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CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "First Do No Harm" Melinda struggles to help a ghost. (N)		Moonlight "The Mortal Cure" Mick learns Coraline's secret; Beth receives heartbreaking news. (N)		NUMB3RS "Power" A serial rapist uses his job as a cop to ensnare his victims. (N)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Diane Keaton; Jim Gaffigan. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Ted Danson; Ali Wentworth; Dean Edwards. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Fun With Debra"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show "Surprise, Surprise"	(2) Paid/ (7) H2O Vac V 4C/ (10) AutomotiveVision.TV (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News/ (23) The Insider Celebrity news and gossip.	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Love/Addiction" The residents and interns treat the victims of a massive explosion.		Desperate Housewives "Smiles of a Summer Night" Lynette kicks Tom out of her chemotherapy sessions.		20/20 Anorexia and other eating disorders. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Steven Cojocaru. (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Desert Passage"	1 vs. 100 One contestant battles 100 to win $1 million. (N)		Friday Night Lights "Who Do You Think You Are?" Tami and Coach Taylor look into day care for Gracie. (N)		Las Vegas "Secrets, Lies and Lamaze" Piper gets in trouble with the gaming commission. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Gavin Smith; Sam Grizzle; Jean-Robert Bellande; Mike Matusow; Shawn Sheikhan; Phil Hellmuth. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld "The Smelly Car" A smelly valet's scent lingers.	Bones "The Soldier on the Grave" An apparent suicide may uncover a scandal.		House "Need to Know" A housewife's inexplicable muscle flailing causes her to crash her car.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)	(8) Seinfeld Jerry buys his father an organizer.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Playing House (2006)/ (53) Scrubs "My Mentor"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Detoxify Your Body/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Get a Lean Healthy Body/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Communities: New Hope Colonial beginnings.		Charlie Rose (N)		OffQ	Tavis Smiley David Frum.	Communities: New Hope Colonial beginnings.		Mystery! "Inspector Lynley: A Cry for Justice"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★ Bad Girls (1994)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Tough Choices Friends face difficult decisions.			Life Message	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley		CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts	TV One Life	The Zone	Extreme Life	Ultimate	Pure Passion	
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	The Collector		ReGenesis "Resurrection"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"		CSI: Miami "Invasion"		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos "Marco Polo"		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi"		CSI: Miami "Invasion"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	★★½ Bring It On (2000)				★½ Bring It On Again (2004) Premiere.				The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★½ Heartbreak Ridge (1986)				★½ Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994) Premiere.				★½ Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994)				★★½ The Dark Half (1993) Maine professor's bad pen name takes over.					The Howling
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Big Cat Diary "Killer Instinct"		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List (N)	Animal Precinct "Dusty Mare"		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List	Animal Precinct "Dusty Mare"		Big Cat Diary "Killer Instinct"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling		Tate	BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling		Tate	Coupling	World	The Graham Norton Show	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			★★★ Boycott (2001) Premiere.					Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		★★★½ Gangs of New York (2002) A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.							★★★½ Gangs of New York (2002) A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.						
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CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
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COM	★½ Black Sheep (1996)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	South Park	The Original Latin Kings of Comedy (2002)			
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		The Investigators		Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice	
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DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild		Fight Quest Mexican boxing.		Fight Quest Kyokushin karate.		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild		Fight Quest Mexican boxing.	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	High School Musical 2 (2007)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Dating Show	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Kardashians	Kardashians	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup (N)	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	Snoop Father	Eminem: The E! THS		Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Miami Heat.					NBA Basketball	Golden State Warriors at Chicago Bulls.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		Missing Link	Missing Link	Boxing		60 Min.	60 Min.	On the Block (N)		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour		Boxing	Boxing	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
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EWTN	Divine	Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending	Reasons	Human Sexuality		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Defending
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FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Pittsburgh Penguins.					FSN Live	Final Score	FSN Pro Football Preview		Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Penguins	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★ Like Mike (2002)				★★ Rebound (2005)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Rachel Ben Nalan"		★½ Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd (2003)				Paid	Bosley Hair
GOLF	Post Game	PGA Tour Golf Champions — MasterCard Championship — First Round.			PGA Tour Golf Bob Hope Chrysler Classic — Third Round. From Palm Desert, Calif.								Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Champions — MasterCard Championship — First Round.				
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★★ Miss Congeniality (2000) Premiere.				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House	Get It Sold	Parents	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House
HIST	Dogfights "Tuskegee Airmen"		Modern Marvels "Welding"		Modern Marvels "Corn"		Shockwave		★★★ Dirty Harry (1971)				Modern Marvels "Corn"		Shockwave		★★★ Dirty Harry (1971)	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba "As Is"	Reba	Good Naked	Matched	Top Party	Party: Vegas	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Good Naked	Matched	Top Party	Party: Vegas	Good Naked	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		Dateline NBC		They Run	They Run	Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		They Run	They Run
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	Next	Next	Next	Next	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Barnyard	Avatar	Tigre: Rivera	Tak, Power	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	★★½ Center Stage (2000)				★★½ Center Stage (2000)					Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Haunted "Grievous Angels"		Flash Gordon "Blame" (N)		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Flash Gordon "Blame"		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate SG-1 "Nightwalker"		Stargate Atlantis "Reunion"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Shocking Moments		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	Game Head	Game Head	Latin Dragon (2004)	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★★½ Cheaper by the Dozen (2003)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★ Snow Day (2000)				Harold & Kumar Go	
TCM	★★★ The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (1947)				★★★ The File on Thelma Jordan (1949) Premiere.				★★★ Johnny Eager (1942)				★★★½ Marked Woman (1937)				★★ Barbarella (1968)	
TLC	Property Ladder		Home Chef	Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Kim S."		What Not to Wear "Cheri" (N)		Miss America Reality Check		What Not to Wear "Cheri"		What Not to Wear "Kim S."		Miss America Reality Check		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order "Armed Forces"		Law & Order "Ain't No Love"		★★ Stealth (2005) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence. Premiere.				★★ Stealth (2005) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence.						★★ Blade: Trinity (2004)			
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Chowder (N)	George	George	Jimmy's Head	Foster	Chowder	George	George	Family Guy	Venture Bros.	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	Top Ten Hawaiian Beaches		Don't Know	Don't Know	Latin America	Latin America	Mysterious Journeys		Most Haunted		Weird Travels		Latin America	Latin America	Mysterious Journeys		Most Haunted	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	★★½ Fletch (1985)				Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (N)		Psych (N)		House "Top Secret"		Monk		Psych		★★½ Pitch Black (2000)	
VH1	Rock of Love	★★★ Ghostbusters (1984)					Best Week	Celebrity	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Best Week	Celebrity	Scott Baio 46		Celebrity Rehab		VH1 Goes Inside "Cops"	
VS.	North-Alaska	Dakar High.	Escape	Winchester	Whitetail Rev.	Bucks	Tred Barta	Dangerous	Huntley Way	Quest for One	Whitetail Rev.	Bucks	Tred Barta	Dangerous	Huntley Way	Quest for One	Escape	Winchester
WE	★★½ French Kiss (1995)				Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		John Edward Cross Country		John Edward Cross Country		★★½ French Kiss (1995)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★★ First Comes Love (1999)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Corner Gas
ENC	★★★ Death Becomes Her (1992)				★½ The Benchwarmers (2006)			★ Tomcats (2001)			★★½ Poetic Justice (1993)				★★ CB4 (1993)			The Matador
HBO	A Good Year	Sweeney	Inside the NFL		The Wire		Borat: Cultural Learnings of America			Countdown	Real Time With Bill Maher		Comedy Jam	★★★ Jarhead (2005)				In NFL
MAX	★ Epic Movie	★★½ The Professional (1994)				★★ Dead Silence (2007)			★★★½ Three Kings (1999)				Coed Confid.	Sexual Surrender (2004)			★★½ The Thirteenth Floor	
SHOW	District B13	★ One Tough Cop (1998)			★★ G (2002)				The L Word		★★½ Jackass: Number Two (2006)			★★ Clerks II (2006)			Gilbert Gottfried: Dirty Jokes	
STARZ	★★½ The Good German		★★ Annapolis (2006)				★★½ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006)					★★★ Rush Hour (1998)			★★½ The Good German (2006)			
TMC	Elizabethtown	★★★½ Tender Mercies (1983)			★★★ Election (1999)				★★ Failure to Launch (2006)			★½ Shadowboxer (2005)				★★★ Zombie Honeymoon (2004)		

Diary of a First Street Rambler

Gang wasn't the best in sports, but we had culture

Monday, April 12, 1948
Dear Diary,

You might think that us Ramblers are only interested in sports or garden raids or carbide explosions and other stuff like that.

The truth is, though, that we have lots of cultural interests too.

One good example of this is Yawkey Woodward and Kenny Husher are in the Greyhound marching band. They are both drummers, and Yawk even says that when he gets into high school, he wants to sing in Miss Seanor's glee club. He really likes to sing and he has a really good voice.

Then there was also that time before Christmas when a bunch of us Ramblers went caroling.

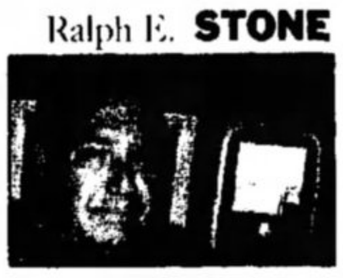
All that music stuff counts as culture.

Heck, before he moved to Belle Vernon, Wally Geeza was even in the junior high orchestra where he played the violin. Now, playing a violin is really cultural!

Even Wally's brother, Ralph, got culture 'cause I heard he had a part in Belle Vernon's senior class play. Acting counts as culture too.

In fact, Rambler acting is what I want to tell you about today.

Ralph E. **STONE**



Two years ago, Half Pint Hayes was in St. Leonard's School spring musical.

Guess what the show was?

Well, you probably didn't guess right unless you said "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

I remember that before I even started school my mom and dad took me to see the movie about Snow White. They said it was the first ever full-length cartoon movie and that this guy named Walt Disney drew all the pictures and then made them look like they were moving. I really liked that movie, especially the dwarfs.

Even though I'm a big kid now, I still like Walt Disney's movies like Bambi and Cinderella and Pinocchio. Maybe that's part of my cultural makeup. I still like Tarzan and the Bowery Boys movies best, but Walt Disney and Lassie movies come in second.

Anyway, I want to tell you more about Half Pint 'cause when he was in the sixth grade he really stole the show at St. Leonard's.

I'll bet you think he played Prince Charming, but he didn't. He didn't even have to speak or sing a word, but he still stole the show.

He was Dopey!

Halfy told us that the nuns told him to just act normal and that he would be a great Dopey.

Well, I want to tell you, he was great.

When the show was over and they all took a bow for what is called a "curtain call," Half Pint got the biggest cheers - even more than Snow White who was played by this real pretty girl named Marlene Falbo. She had black hair just like the real Snow White and she might have been even prettier. Half Pint even got a kiss from her in the play. When I saw that, I wished I could have been Dopey.

Old Halfy always seems to be in the right place at the right time. Like that time when he got to shine Ralph Kiner and Bob Prince's shoes! Now he gets a kiss from Marlene Falbo! He sure is lucky.

Well, I just wanted to show you that there is more to us Ramblers than ballgames and getting into trouble. We got culture, too.

In fact, that's why I do this writing which is also one of the cultural arts.

Yep, us Ramblers might not be the best in baseball and basketball, but we got way more culture than the Ozarks, the Moaners and the McMahon Aces.

Author's Notes:

We Ramblers did indeed have culture. In high school, not only did Dave "Yawk" Woodward enter Miss Seanor's glee club, but he was also awarded a role in the district chorus. Yours truly and Andy "Heads" PInasko also became members of Miss Seanor's glee club.

In the area of the stage, in addition to Ralph Geeza's role in Belle Vernon's rendition of "A Date With Judy," two years later in 1950 John "Jay Boy" Husher played the role of Judy's younger brother, Randolph, in Monessen's version of the same play. In 1951, Monessen's senior class play was a western comedy titled "The Mystery of Crazy Canyon Ranch." It featured Yawk Woodward as "Wild-Eyed Willie," while I played the role of the hero. (I guess they were type casting!)

Marlene Falbo, a genuine beauty, went on to be chosen as Monessen's May Queen for the class of 1952. She is married and currently lives in Michigan.

Two of the other seven dwarfs that I remember included Ron "Bones" Campana of the Ozarks and Ricky Joyce, who I believe lives in the South Hills area with his wife, the former Anna Marie Persico. I recall that George Konich played the role of Prince Charming. He passed away several years ago.

I don't think that Don "Half Pint" Hayes was in his senior class play in 1952, but he should have been. If they had given awards for school plays, Don would have an Oscar on his mantle for his portrayal of Dopey.

I still enjoy Disney films, and I'm able to use my grandchildren as an excuse for attending them.

A sidebar on last week's story on Denver Rhome involves Denver's great-grandson, Antonio Rhome. This past Saturday, one day following the story on Denver, I was greeting at the funeral home for the viewing of William Marino. While Antonio's father, Chris, and I were discussing the story on Denver, little eight year old Antonio's ears were taking it all in. A while later Antonio asked me if I wrote stories. I told him that I did and that they were published in *The Valley Independent* each Friday. With wide, excited eyes, Antonio asked, "Would you write a story about me?"

He later went on to involve me in a social studies assignment he had for his second grade teacher, Mrs. Lusk. Antonio was to interview older people to learn what we did not have that today's young people take for granted. He was absolutely amazed to discover that I had no television or McDonald's! While we were working together, Antonio also admiringly looked at the row of plaques near the entrance to the funeral home. He proudly read down the list of names:

"H. Denver Rhome
David R. Rhome
Matthew P. Rhome
Christopher D. Rhome"

"Someday, he went on, "my name will be up there!"

Antonio, you made my day last Saturday, and this story is for you!

Next Week: *Spring training and a new Rambler line-up*

Respected 80-year-old cleric admits to lying in sex scandal

Archbishop Earl Paulk gets 10 years' probation for being untruthful about his sexual affairs.

By DORIE TURNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — The 80-year-old leader of a megachurch pleaded guilty earlier this week to lying under oath about his sexual affairs and was sentenced to 10 years' probation.

Archbishop Earl Paulk, who has been in ill health, was also fined $1,000 on a single felony count during his Wednesday court appearance.

The charges stem from a 2006 deposition Paulk gave in a lawsuit against him, his brother Don and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Chapel Hill Harvester Church by former church employee Mona Brewer, who said she was coerced into an affair.

In the deposition, Earl Paulk said under oath that the only woman with whom he had ever had sex outside his marriage was Brewer.

Archbishop Paulk

But the results of a court-ordered paternity test revealed in October that Paulk is the biological father of his brother's son, D.E. Paulk, who is now head pastor at the church.

As part of Brewer's lawsuit, eight women have given sworn depositions that they were coerced into sexual relationships with Earl Paulk.

"It was a fair and just resolution of the case for a man who has lived his whole life and done wonderful things but made a mistake," said Earl Paulk's attorney, Joel Pugh. "He's ready to move on."

Paulk turned himself in to authorities Tuesday night, after a warrant was issued for his arrest the previous day.

The warrant was the result of a months-long probe by Cobb County District Attorney Pat Head and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Head called the sentence "certainly adequate" for Paulk, who had never been charged criminally before.

Cox said the sentence was not unusual for someone like Paulk, who has no prior record and whose health is "frail."

Paulk has been in bad health for the past couple of years after a battle with cancer, limiting his activity with the independent charismatic church he and his brother founded in 1960.

At its peak in the early 1990s, the Cathedral at Chapel Hill claimed about 10,000 members and 24 pastors and was a media powerhouse.

The church was able to build a Bible college, two schools, a worldwide TV ministry and a $12 million sanctuary outside Atlanta.

Today, membership is down to about 1,500; the church has 18 pastors, most of them volunteers, and the Bible college and TV ministry have closed — a downturn blamed largely on fallout from the sex scandals.

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Donora Community Directory
Monessen Chamber Tab
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To submit a name, call Joe [illegible]

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for the week starting Monday:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics; 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 9, massage, beauty shop; 10, watercolor guild; 1, German Club, bridge/500, choir practice; 2, Zumba Gold.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9, foot appointments, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, Health Steps in Motion (PEPPI); 1, bingo, bridge/500, dart ball, news and views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 10:45, Drew University's 36 Mad Ave. Concert; 1, bridge/500; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, blood pressures, PEPPI; 1, bridge/500, bingo, advanced strings jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking club; 9, massage, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, blood pressures, bingo; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, evening pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 2, massages; 7, evening euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, writing life stories.

Friday – 8, beauty shop; 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 9-4, Wheeling trips; 10, arthritis exercise; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, daily bingo.

Tuesday – 10, computer class; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, travel club.

Wednesday – 11, Silver Sneakers, "Hold onto your Marbles"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, super bingo; 2, massages.

Thursday – 8, Seniors for Safe Driving; 10, arthritis exercise group; 11:30, daily bingo.

Friday – 8, fried dough; 9, quilling class; 10, computer class; 11:30, daily bingo; 12:30, euchre club; 1, AARP meeting, Silver Sneakers.

DONORA

Monday – 9, walking; 10, advanced line dancing; 11, Martin Luther King Jr. Day; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9, walking; 10, blood pressures, exercise class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, card club, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Thursday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, fitness class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, blood pressures; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN

Monday – closed for Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday – 10, crochet class; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim; noon, special meal; 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – 10:30, blood pressures; 11, 500 card club; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; 3:45, Wheeling Downs.

Friday – card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; dominoes (Mexican Train) morning and afternoon.

MONONGAHELA

Monday 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 2:30, pizza party.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; beauty shop by appointment; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominos; 11:30, magic bingo, devotional; hairdresser by appointment; exercise group after lunch; 1, cards.

Thursday – 11, "Hold on to your Marbles"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; beauty shop by appointment; 7, evening social.

Friday – beauty shop by appointment; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 1:30, line dancing with Frieda; 7:30, Italian Heritage Club.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 8, walking; 9, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, cards and table games, pickin 'n grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' 'n grinning; jig saw puzzle assembling morning and after-noon.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon; 11:15, "Alcohol and medications"-Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission; .2, jam session.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, PEPPI exercise; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and after-noon.

Friday – 8, beauty shop, walking, 9, bingo, 9:30, bingo; 10, craft of your choice.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for the week starting Monday:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela and Perryopolis
Monday – pot roast
Tuesday – rigatoni/meatballs
Wednesday – grilled hot dogs
Thursday – beef stew
Friday – fish sandwich

Monessen and West Newton
Monday – Centers closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday – stuffed cabbage
Wednesday – country sausage
Thursday – tuna salad
Friday – Salisbury steak

Cal women open West

California University's women's basketball team opens play in the PSAC West minus some key players.
2B

Valley SPORTS

Sharapova Aussie winner

Maria Sharapova won her match earlier today in the Australian Open.
2B

This Bud's for you

After contemplating retirement, Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig gets a three-year extension to continue on the job.
2B

Sports Trivia

Who holds the AFC championship record with 54 passes in a game? 3B

Last night's scores

Montreal 3, Atlanta 2, SO
Toronto 3, Boston 2, SO
Washington 5, Edmonton 4, SO
Ottawa 5, Carolina 1
Detroit 3, Vancouver 2, SO
Anaheim 2, Nashville 1
Columbus 4, Phoenix 3

Brian **HERMAN**

Griffey will greet youth in Donora; Vasquez to fight

Area youngsters will be able to meet former major league baseball standout and Donora native Ken Griffey Sr. Saturday morning.

Griffey, who's being honored Saturday night by the Ringgold Rams Club at a banquet at the Willow Room, will be at the Donora Borough Building from 10 a.m. to noon.

The first 300 children at the Donora Borough Building will get an autographed picture of Griffey, a free hot dog and soda.

Speaking of the Griffey banquet, George Foster has been added to the guest list.

Foster was a Cincinnati teammate of Griffey with the Big Red Machine in the 1970s.

In 1977, Foster hit 52 home runs and had the distinction of being the only major leaguer between 1965 and 1990 to hit 50 or more home runs in a season.

An outfielder like Griffey, Foster also drove in 149 runs that season and was the National League's MVP.

Pittsburgh Pirate fans remember Foster because he was the one who scored the winning run on Bob Moose's wild pitch in the fifth and deciding game of the 1972 National League championship series with the Bucs to advance to the World Series for the second time in three years.

In case you're wondering, the Griffey banquet is a sellout and no tickets will be sold at the door.

■Monessen's Sam Vasquez will be facing one of his tougher boxing tests when he returns to the ring for a four-rounder Saturday night in a show at Baldwin High.

A 152 pounder, the 21-year-old Vasquez will be facing a more experienced Katunga Malenga, a 25-year-old Penn State student.

Vasquez has won 12 of 13 fights since joining the South Park Boxing Club. The lone loss was in the P.A.L. Nationals in Oxard, Calif., in October.

Vasquez is coming off a second round knockout win over John Farley in Bloomfield three weeks ago despite giving up over 15 pounds.

Vasquez is setting his sights on the U.S. Boxing Regionals Feb. 15-16 in Baltimore with the winners advancing to the U.S. National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I think Sam has a chance of being a national champion," said Bob Healey, the South Park Boxing Club coach.

■It's nice to see Pat Monroe will be back in the head footall coaching ranks next season.

Monroe, who lost his job at Duquesne High when the school closd the past year after 15 seasons as the Dukes' boss, was named last night to the South Allegheny post.

He succeeds former Elizabeth Forward coach Mike LaDonne, who went 6-12 in his two seasons with the Gladiators.

And thanks to Larry Callaway of Charleroi, who says a church stays on its feet when its members get on their knees!

And a woman shall lead them

Monessen wallops Clairton as Gina Naccarato fills in for an ailing Major Corley.

By JEFF OLIVER
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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

On the left, Monessen assistant Gina Naccarato gives instructions during a timeout while, on the right, Monessen's Samone Stepoli blocks a shot by Clairton's Britnee Thompson.

MONESSEN - The fact that Monessen trampled Clairton, 64-25, in a Class A Sec. 5 contest was impressive enough.

But when you consider that the Lady Greyhounds played the game without their most imposing figure.

No, they weren't missing 1,000-point scorer Kelly Mornak.

And they had their leading scorer, Christina Chukwuedo, too.

And, yes, 5-11 inside player Samone Stepoli was also there.

Who wasn't?

Head coach Major Corley.

Saddled by a bad case of the flu, Corley was a no-show for the big section contest. He turned the reins over to his top assistant, Gina Naccarato.

Over a decade ago, Naccarato ran the Lady Greyhounds like well-oiled machine on her way to being the WPIAL's all-time leading scorer.

However, last night was the first time in her eight years as an assistant that Naccarato guided the varsity from the bench.

"I wasn't nervous. We both run the same things and have the same philosophy," she said of Corley. "I didn't tell the team anything different before the game. I just told them to play defense and play hard.

"That's what they did."

And then some.

Monessen (8-0, 18-0) broke open a 4-4 game with an 8-0 run to close the first quarter with a 12-4 lead.

In the second quarter, the Lady Hounds went on another run as Chukwuedo (12) and Stepoli (8) each scored more points than the Lady Bears (4-3, 7-6). By halftime, Monessen had a commanding 37-11 lead and the rout was on.

"The key for us obviously is our man-to-man defense," said Naccarato. "When we play it like we did tonight, we're going to be hard to beat."

Of course, Monessen's offense wasn't bad either. The hosts upped the lead to 50-15 after three quarters and when Mornak hit a 10-foot jumper with 6:22 to play in the game, Monessen led 55-15 and the rest of the game was played with a continuous clock.

"We know Clairton is always going to be tough," said Naccarato. "They are a good team, but tonight we came to play and everyone did their job."

Chukwuedo led Monessen with 18 points. She now needs 22 points to join the 1,000-point club.

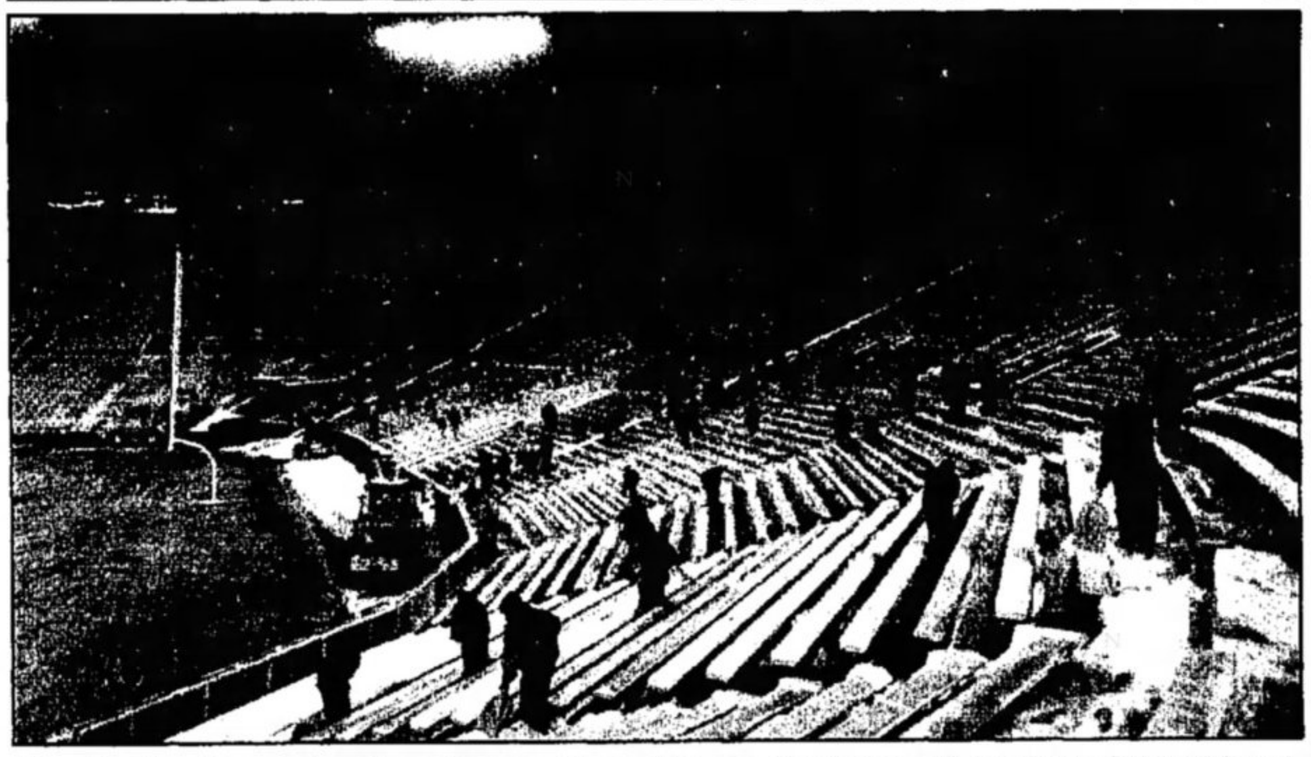
Mornak and Stepoli added 16 and 13 points, respectively.

Defensively, Monessen held Clairton's top threat Kameron Townes scoreless until the middle of the fourth quarter. She ended with four points.

Naccarato expects Corley to be back on the bench for the next game Tuesday at home against Class AA top-ranked Washington. But, for one night, she added yet another memory to her scholastic career.

Except this one was as a head coach.

GAME NOTES: Melissa Popovich (wrist) returned to the starting lineup for Monessen, but she did not score ... The attractive Monessen-Washington contest Tuesday will be part of a girls-boys doubleheader with Monessen meeting Charleroi in the other contest ... Monessen's magic number to clinch the section title is down to one game.



Hundreds of people shovel snow from the seating area Thursday night at Lambeau Field as snow continued to fall.

Sacks could be the difference in NFC championship game

Green Bay, N.Y. Giants love to get after the quarterback.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A sack is like a bases-loaded double play or a blocked shot in the final seconds of a tight game. It's dynamic or deflating, depending on which side of the line a player makes his living.

Whichever team gets the quarterback on the ground most often in Sunday's NFC championship game could be the one headed to the Super Bowl. And both the Giants and Packers excel at pressuring and punishing opposing passers, even if Brett Favre or Eli Manning gets his pass away.

"I think a sack is a glorified stat," Green Bay defensive end Aaron Kampman said. "Trust me, we all try to get them. I try to get them. You know, it's a great thing. But in the end, if I, or anyone, can force an incompletion, can force a hurried throw that leads to an incompletion, a ball hit afterwards, all those things factor into the game. So yeah, I feel very comfortable with how we're rushing."

Which should make Manning feel, well, very uncomfortable.

Then again, Manning has gotten strong protection late in the season and in the playoffs. One major reason for the Giants' astounding 9-1 road mark is that Manning has remained upright so often in away games.

"I don't know if that is going to happen, but just to be in situations where you can still run the ball possibly, you can still throw it," Manning cites as the key to offsetting the Packers' sack patrol. "You can get the ball out quickly and do some shorter throws if you have to get the ball in the receiver's hands to see if they can run for a first down."

Manning won't be doing much running or scrambling; he's a pretty stationary target. That means if the Packers (14-3) can slow Brandon Jacobs, Ahmad Bradshaw and New York's running attack, they can tee off on the fourth-year quarterback playing in the biggest game of his life.

"I have a lot of faith in our guys up front, in our pass rush, and they'll get there. They'll do what they have to do," linebacker Nick Barnett said. "They work hard every week to get there. And sometimes, we may not get the sacks in the game, but we have a lot of pressures, a lot of knockdowns, hurries, and that's just as good as sacks for us, incomplete passes."

Last week, on a snow-covered Lambeau Field turf, the Pack had little trouble styming Seattle's formidable pass rush. While playing conditions figure to be drier, but much colder, on Sunday, the footing isn't likely to be ideal for Osi Umenyiora, Michael Strahan and company.

Plus, Favre is a master at avoiding pressure and sacks, moving just enough to find passing lanes, and using a quick release to get the ball downfield. That's one reason Green Bay so often uses four and even five wide receivers; the coaches have tremendous faith in the offensive line's protection skills.

"They are very difficult to have a sack (against)," Giants sacks leader Umenyiora said of the Packers, who allowed only 19 sacks all season, 15 on Favre. "They have a good offensive

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No playoffs for BVA wrestlers

Packed gym sees Leps bow 39-27 to visiting Albert Gallatin.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP - How big was Belle Vernon Area's Class AAA Section 2 wrestling match against Albert Gallatin Thursday night?

Consider the following:

■Two officials were booked for the event, not the normal one.

■The BVA gym was filled and had a standing room only crowd.

■Albert Gallatin, alone, brought two buses full of fans.

Despite having the "home field advantage", BVA came up short, 39-27, in what will end up putting the Colonials in the WPIAL team playoffs and the Leps out.

"I'm very disappointed," said BVA coach Mel Gray said. "I thought we wrestled okay, but we lost to a couple of kids that I did not think we would lose to.

"It was the difference in the match."

BVA dropped the opening match of the night as Chris Milligan defeated Brett Perry (130) in what may have been the match of the night, 3-2.

Following a pinfall loss and two more decision defeats, BVA trailed 15-0.

Enter BVA senior Donnie Tasser.

As Tasser (152) prepared for his bout against Cody Mitchell, he paced back and forth behind the BVA bench.

The ovation for Tasser as he was introduced was loud, but it was nothing compared to what would come shortly after.

Tasser took Mitchell down and almost pinned him nine seconds into the match, but Mitchell was able to roll through the pin attempt.

Mitchell lasted until 38 seconds into the second period, but he was no match as Tasser pinned him and caused an uproar among the BVA fans.

The focus on Tasser was almost as impressive as the support he received from the BVA faithful.

Almost 30 elementary-aged kids came out of the crowd and sat on the floor next to the mat as Tasser prepared to lock up with Mitchell.

"Donnie is a hero here to the young kids," Gray said. "He handles it really well, and he is very humble about it."

Following two more AG wins, a decision and a forfeit, PJ Tasser (189) pinned Greg Dawson in 1:07 to trim the AG lead to 24-12.

BVA would also record a 3-2 decision win by Jesse Gauden (285) and pinfall victories by Jeremy Weslager (119) and Tyler Scott (125).

Weslager's pin was over Jon Thomas in 1:54 while Scott needed 3:57 against Chad Belch.

Now with the Leps out of the playoff picture, Gray said his team will prepare for the section, WPIAL and PIAA tournaments.

"We will have to keep making progress," he said. "It will be an intense process, and hopefully we will peak for a state run with some of the guys."

SPORTS

Ringgold routs Waynesburg, 55-29

Lady Rams stay unbeaten in Sec. 4; EF keeps pace with win.

Two games in as many nights didn't slow down the Ringgold High girls' basketball team.

The Lady Rams kept rolling in Class AAA Section 4 with a 55-29 romp over visiting Waynesburg Thursday.

Ringgold (14-4, 6-0) led 30-15 at halftime before outscoring the Lady Raiders, 17-3, in the third quarter.

Alina Selby (19) and Emily Schartner (16) combined for 35 points for the Lady Rams.

Ringgold resumes Tuesday at 6 p.m. at second place Chartiers Valley in the first game of a girl-boy doubleheader.

In Class AAA Section 5, West Mifflin and Elizabeth Forward stayed one-two with easy wins.

West Mifflin routed visiting Belle Vernon Area, 73-23, for its seventh straight victory.

Raven Metz had 21 points for the Titans (15-3, 6-0), who led 31-10 at halftime.

Marissa Manko looked best for the Lady Leps (4-13, 1-5) with eight points.

BVA hosts Steel Valley Tuesday.

Elizabeth Forward kept pace with a 75-31 rout at Yough.

The Lady Warrior' Cassy Sanderson (20) and Rachel Hirnylk (18) outscored the Lady Cougars with 38 points.

Elizabeth Forward, which has won six-in-a-row, led 43-11 at halftime.

Allison Saccani topped Yough (7-12, 0-6) with 12 points.

Elizabeth Forward hosts West Mifflin and Yough goes to Thomas Jefferson Monday.

Bentworth moved into a fourth-place tie with Charleroi in Class AA Section 5 with a 50-37 victory over visiting Burgettstown.

Brittany Speed poured in 26 point sfo the Lady Bearcats (10-8, 4-4), who brole open a 10-6 game by outscoring the Lady Blue Devils, 21-9,in the second quarter.

Bentworth goes to Brownsville Monday.

In Class A Section 3, Frazier remained winless with a 42-31 setback to visiting Trinity Christian.

Laurissa Ellis had 14 points for the Lady Commodores (0-19, 0-7), who jumped out to a 9-3 first quarter lead but were outscored 31-14,i n the next 16 minutes.

Frazier goes to Clairton Monday.

Alina Selby

Cal U. opens West at home

Vulcans' roster not the same as start of season.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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What a difference nine weeks can make.

Take the case of the California University women's basketball team, which faces Clarion in its PSAC West opener Saturday at 3 p.m. at Hamer Hall.

Three of coach Darcie Vincent's starters when the Vulcans beat Charleston in the title game of their annual opening tourney in mid-November were Keris Timol, Laura Gilbert and Jess Victor.

Gilbert, in fact, was named the tourney's MVP.

Tomorrow afternoon, however, the trio will be

Vincent

missing .

Even though she was averaging a second-best 31 minutes, Gilbert quit after five games and Timol, the lone returning senior, did the same two games later during the Christmas break, two games later.

Victor, a 6-2 sophomore transfer from Division I Manhattan College and the team's biggest player, appeared in 13 contests before getting sidelined by an injury.

Despite the adversity, the Vulcans are 13-2 and have won 10 straight after a pair of losses in Arizona.

"We were terrible out there," said Vincent.

Averaging 80 points, the Vulcans are the conference's highest scoring team with sophomore Brooque Williams (18), freshman Kayla Smith (15.4) and junior Crystal Andrews (11.4) leading the way.

Smith is also one of the conference's top rebounders with seven a game and Andrews and Williams are one-two in steals with 72 and 68, respectively.

Vincent, however, is cautious when it comes to the team's offense.

'We're having shooting woes," she said. "When you look at our 3-point shooting percentage, we have a big cloud hanging over us."

The Vulcans are last in the conference in treys, making only 36 of 167 and are 4-43 in their last four outings.

"That's what you get when you have young kids," noted Vincent.

Clarion (10-5), meanwhile, will be trying to rebound from a 92-65 loss at West favorite Indiana.

The Eagles have a 1,000 point scorer in senior Jessica Albanese while junior Katrina Greer is the leading scorer with a 15 point average. Greer scored 18 points in Clarion's 69-58 win at home over Cal in last year's PSAC West opener.

Sara Pratt, a 6-1 sophomore, leads the conference in blocked shots with 37.

"This will be a big test for us," said Vincent. "This will be a true indicator if we're better than last year."

Jay Paterno has head coaching hopes, but it's not on his agenda just yet

For now he concentrates on Lions' offense.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Jay Paterno feels that some day he could be a head coach, too, just like his famous father.

For now, though, he said his only priority is helping Penn State move to more of a spread-style offense next season and getting his dad and boss, Joe Paterno, more wins.

"Most people tell me there is no lack of confidence in me," said Jay Paterno, the Nittany Lions' quarterbacks coach who helps call passing plays. "But I'm just worried about next year."

Joe Paterno said after the Alamo Bowl late last month that his son has the ability to be a head coach, "but I don't think Penn State would be a good place for him right now." Having his son succeed him would make it seem as if "I programmed the whole thing," JoePa said.

In a recent interview, Jay Paterno said becoming a head coach isn't at the top of his to-do list, even at Penn State, though "obviously, if that were to happen, I would have to prove myself."

He could coach or work elsewhere, he said, but he loves Penn State and the State College area. Jay Paterno just completed his 13th season on the coaching staff, his eighth coaching quarterbacks.

His father just finished his record 42nd year as Penn State head coach, though he is about to enter the final year of his contract, which expires after the 2008 season.

Joe Paterno, 81, has said recently he could coach at least a couple more years, and perhaps as many as five. His 372 career wins are one behind Florida State's Bobby Bowden for most among major college coaches.

Next season might bring a different look to the Penn State offense. Coaches have said the Nittany Lions will go back to more of the spread-style attack used in 2005, when run-pass threat Michael Robinson started at quarterback.

The 2008 squad will be led by a new quarterback because of the departure of two-year starter Anthony Morelli, who was more of a drop-back passer. The major question is whether holdovers Daryll Clark and Pat Devlin can handle the job.

Coaches have said the race is wide open, though Clark may come into spring practice as the first-stringer simply because he was the top backup. Clark showed a glimpse of his potential when he ran for 60 yards and a touchdown on five carries against Texas A&M in the bowl game, though he did not attempt a pass.

A wild card may be the destination of Terrelle Pryor, the athletic 6-foot-6 quarterback from Jeannette who is considered one of the top recruits in the country. Pryor has said Michigan, Penn State, Ohio State and Oregon are among his options.

Regardless of who calls the signals, next year's Penn State quarterback should have some help — all five starters return on the offensive line, as well as the receiving trio of Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Jordan Norwood.

Jay Paterno said the team's goal is to both run and pass for 200 yards each game out what has been dubbed the "Spread HD."

"It's not a philosophical shift, but more of a personnel shift," he said. "It's a different system than people have seen the last couple years, but the whole idea is to give us the best chance to win."

He understands that he is sometimes a target of fans critical of the play-calling and the quarterback's performance. Perhaps with that in mind, he joked about what the "HD" stood for in the Nittany Lions' spread plans.

"It could stand for 'high-definition' or 'highly diverse,'" Jay Paterno said. "As long as it doesn't stand for 'huge dud.'"

Paul hits the Rhoades from Pitt

Defensive coordinator takes job at Auburn

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Rhoads, the defensive coordinator at Pitt for eight seasons and a finalist for the head coaching job in 2004, is leaving to take the same job at Auburn.

Rhoads informed Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt of his decision Wednesday night. The Panthers will immediately begin seeking his replacement, with defensive line coach Greg Gattuso a possible candidate. Gattuso is the former Duquesne coach.

Rhoads replaces Will Muschamp, who was hired as the defensive coordinator at Texas.

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville first offered the 40-year-old Rhoads the defensive coordinator's job in 2002, but Pitt kept him by giving him a large raise and a longer contract. Rhoads was retained in 2004 by coach Dave Wannstedt after former coach Walt Harris, who knew he wouldn't get a new contract at Pitt, left for Stanford.

In addition to being the defensive coordinator, Rhoads coached Pitt's defensive backs for seven years, coaching players such as cornerback Darrelle Revis, a New York Jets first-round draft pick last year.

Last season, Rhoads switched to coaching the linebackers, where Scott McKillop was the nation's leading tackler and a third-team All-America pick.

Rhoads is leaving Pitt after one of the best games ever played by a Panthers defense, the 13-9 upset of then-No. 2 West Virginia on Dec. 1. The Panthers held West Virginia to 183 yards, or nearly 292 yards below their average.

Pitt's defense, despite being beaten up in losses to Navy (48-45) and Virginia (44-14), was one of the most improved in NCAA Division I-A last season.

The Panthers allowed 297.7 yards per game, down from 363.1 a season ago, to rank fifth nationally — one spot ahead of Auburn (297.9) — and first in the Big East. Pitt was third nationally in pass defense.

Rhoads was under consideration for some head coaching jobs after his first three Pitt defenses in 2000, 2001 and 2002 were among the best statistically in the country. But the Panthers' defense had a down season in 2003, when Pitt ended a disappointing 8-5.

Pitt's defense also had worse-than-expected seasons in 2005, when a 42-21 loss to unranked Notre Dame in the season opener set the stage for a 5-6 record, and in 2006. Pitt allowed 139 points, an average of 46 points per game, in its final three games of a 6-6 season in 2006.

Rhoads joined Pitt in 2000 after spending five seasons at Iowa State, where he coached the inside linebackers for one season and the secondary for four seasons. Rhoads, a former player at Missouri Western, was an assistant at Pacific from 1992-94.

Pitt is now looking for two assistant coaches. Offensive line coach Paul Dunn was not retained after three seasons.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Yough opened the football coaching job held for seven years by Ron Yuvan.

20 Years Ago

Ringgold's William Tolliver (138) and Jay Schock(145) won titles in the Big 10 Conference wrestling tournament at Thomas Jefferson.

Denver downed Cleveland, 38-33, and Washington shaded Minneota, 17-10, to advance to the Super Bowl.

10 Years Ago

Tom Donahoe nixed an offer to become the Seattle Seahawks' general manager and remain the Pittsburgh Steelers' director of football operations.

SPORTS DIGEST

Charleroi alive after big win

Thursday was payback time for the Charleroi High boys' basketball team.

As a result, the Cougars kept their playoff hopes alive with a 54-41 win at Chartiers-Houston.

The victory put the Cougars (10-9, 5-5) in fourth place in Class AA Section 5 and avenged a 55-44 home loss to the Bucs.

Playing its thrid game in as many nights, Charleroi stretched a 14-6 first quarter lead to 26-13 at halftime.

Taylor Andrisko (9) and Chad Pappasergi (7) combined for 16 points in the first half to outscore the Bucs.

Andrisko finished with a game-high 19 points including eight of eight at the foul line.

For the second straight game, Charleroi went 18 of 36 from the floor.

Jared Cypher looked best for the Bucs (9-10, 3-7), who've lost four straight.

Charleroi will take a four-game winning streak to Monessen Tuesday.

BV Area swimmers sweep Steel Valley

Belle Vernon Area High's swimmers swept Steel Valley Thursday.

The Leps took an 84-68 decision with the Lady Leps winning 91-68.

Taking firsts for the Leps were Zachary Wardle (50 and 100 freestyle), Brendan Lacey (200 freestyle), Jay Lewis (200 indivdual medley), Mario Leone (500 freestyle), Cory Wyke (100 backstroke), Andre Maldonado (100 breaststroke), Aaron Mikula (100 butterfly), the 200 medley relay team of Maldonado, Adam Hamill, Milkula and Lewis, the 200 freestyle relay team of Lacey, Hamill, Wardle and Maldonado and the 400 freestyle relay team of Chris McConnell, Joey Kerley, Mikula and Lacey.

The Lady Leps' winners were Ashley Bronakowski (200 and 500 freestyle), Mary Wardle (200 individual medley and 100 freestyle), Sydney Rusak (50 freestyle), Hannah Naylor (100 butterfly), Emalee Tunney (100 backstroke), Megan Russell (100 breaststroke), the 200 medley relay team of Courtnee Basista, Russell, Rusak and Wardle, the 200 freesyle relay team of Wardle, Basista, Bronakowski and Rusak and the 400 freestyle relay team of Tunney, Melinda Siber, Basista and Rusak.

Small Game Hunting Classic Saturday

The California Hill Gun Club will hold its 14th annual Small Game Hunting Classic Saturday.

Pre-registration is required and participants must report to the club by 7 p.m.

To make reservation or for more information call Norman (Junior) Anderson aftr 3 p.m. (724-938-3480).

Rostraver Sportsmen meeting Monday

The Rostraver Sportsmen will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the club. Dues for 2008 are due.

Soccer signups in Charleroi

Spring soccer signups for C.F.D. (Charleroi, Fallowfield and Dunlevy) will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan. 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Charleroi Borough Building.

Youngsters in the Under-6 to Under-18 age levels are eligible.

For more information call either 724-489-4372 or 724-483-2084.

Rostraver baseball signups scheduled

The Rostraver Baseball Associaiton will hold signups today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rostraver Municipal Building.

Ringgold hosts County tourney

Ringgold will be the site of the Washington County wrestling tournament which starts today at 5 p.m.

Joining the host Rams in the 13-team field are Charleroi, Bentworth, Avella, Canon-McMillan, Chartiers-Houston, McGuffey, Washington, Trinity, Peters Township, Fort Cherry, Burgettstown and Beth-Center.

With four returning finalists, Canon-McMillan is the favorite to win a third straight championship.

Charleroi's Dave Grillo will be wrestling at 189 after winning at 171 in 2007. Ge placed third two years a

Wrestling will resume Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with the finals at 5 p.m.

Earlier start for California

With no junior varsity contest, California's home boys' basketball game with West Greene today will start at 7 p.m.

BV Area cagers shade Trinity

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team shaded Trinity, 34-32, to up its record to 12-3.

Jake Burritt (15) and Ian Dobbins (12) combined for 28 points for the Little Leps, who resign Tuesday at home against Charleroi.

Trivia answer

Pittsburgh's Neil O'Donnell against San Diego in 1994.

Sharapova romps to fourth round

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Maria Sharapova was struggling.

She had never played a match against another Russian across the net who bore a strong resemblance to her, physically and in style of play. Her usually reliable serve was getting broken.

Then it all clicked today, and last year's runnerup at the Australian Open was through to the fourth round with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Elena Vesnina that was a lot harder than the score indicated.

Defending champion Serena Williams and top-ranked Justine Henin also advanced against opponents with similar games. Williams next faces 12th-seeded Nicole Vaidisova, while Henin puts her 31-match winning streak on the line against Taiwanese qualifier Hsieh Su-Wei.

On the men's side, second-ranked Rafael Nadal and No. 4 Nikolai Davydenko advanced in straight sets, while No. 6 Andy Roddick was playing in the late match against No. 29 Philipp Kohlschreiber.

Three-year contract extension for Selig

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says he won't accept another extension after his contract expires in 2012.

He said the same thing after previous extensions, so some may have difficulty believing him.

Selig, who has been in charge of MLB since 1992, had repeatedly said since December 2006 that he would retire at the end of 2009 and that his mind couldn't be changed.

"This is clearly it," he said after the latest extension was approved in a unanimous vote on the final day of a two-day owners' meeting. "I could say this without equivocation.

"Look, when this is over, I'm going to be 78 years old," Selig said.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	26	16	3	55	111	104
Pittsburgh	26	16	3	55	133	120
Philadelphia	24	15	5	53	142	124
N.Y. Islanders	23	18	5	51	112	126
N.Y. Rangers	22	20	5	49	114	121

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	30	12	4	64	162	128
Montreal	24	14	8	56	142	129
Boston	22	18	5	49	116	120
Buffalo	19	19	6	44	126	127
Toronto	18	21	8	44	132	155

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	23	22	3	49	137	155
Carolina	22	23	4	48	145	160
Washington	20	21	5	45	132	144
Florida	20	23	4	44	117	134
Tampa Bay	17	24	5	39	132	157

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	10	4	72	163	106
Columbus	23	18	6	52	121	118
St. Louis	22	16	6	50	115	118
Nashville	22	20	4	48	128	129
Chicago	21	21	4	46	133	137

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	26	17	3	55	128	128
Vancouver	25	17	5	55	123	111
Calgary	23	17	8	54	138	141
Colorado	25	18	3	53	132	128
Edmonton	21	22	5	47	127	142

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	26	17	6	58	127	125
Dallas	26	18	5	57	143	129
San Jose	25	14	7	57	119	110
Phoenix	24	21	1	49	124	127
Los Angeles	18	27	2	38	135	156

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Montreal 3, Atlanta 2, SO
Toronto 3, Boston 2, SO
Washington 5, Edmonton 4, SO
Ottawa 5, Carolina 1
Detroit 3, Vancouver 2, SO
Anaheim 2, Nashville 1
Columbus 4, Phoenix 3
Dallas 4, San Jose 2

Today's Games

Edmonton at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	22	1	0	44
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Jamestown	10	14	0	20
Mon Valley	8	13	3	19
Valley Forge	7	16	1	15

Today

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Indiana at Valley Forge
Sunday
Valley Forge at Mon Valley (2:30 p.m.)
Wooster at Indiana

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	1	0	11	4
Indiana	1	0	9	6
Lock Haven	1	0	1	14
California	0	0	9	4
Clarion	0	1	8	7
Shippensburg	0	1	6	10
Slippery Rock	0	1	2	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
East Stroudsburg	1	0	11	3
Millersville	1	0	11	4
Kutztown	1	0	9	5
Bloomsburg	0	1	8	7
Mansfield	0	1	12	3
Cheyney	0	1	7	5
West Chester	0	0	8	6

Saturday

Clarion at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at Lock Haven
Indiana at Central Statte
Bloomsburg at Chjeyney
Kutztown at West Chester
Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	1	0	16	1
California	0	0	13	2
Shippensburg	1	0	13	3
Clarion	0	1	10	5
Edinboro	1	0	10	4
Slippery Rock	0	1	6	10
Lock Haven	0	1	5	10

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	1	0	11	4
Kutztown	1	0	8	8
East Stroudsburg	1	0	6	8
West Chester	0	0	8	6
Mansfield	0	1	5	11
Bloomsburg	0	1	4	11
Cheyney	0	1	3	11

Saturday

Clarion at California
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at LockHaven
Bloomsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at West Chester
Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

NFL playoffs

Conference Championships
Sunday

AFC

San Diego at New England, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC

N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Sidney Crosby leads the Penguins against Tampa Bay 7:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Net.

Sports dial

Today
Television

2 p.m. - ESPN2 - MLS Draft, pro soccer.
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Bob Hope Classic, golf.
3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis, tape delay.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - MasterCard Challenge, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Portland at Miami, pro basketball.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Tarvis Simms vs Jose Luis Cruz, boxing.
9:30 p.m. - ESPN - Golden State at Chicago, pro basketball.
10 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

Saturday
Television

3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

College basketball

EAST

Cent. Connecticut St. 73, Monmouth, N.J. 65
George Mason 85, Hofstra 78, 2OT
Long Island U. 85, Wagner 65
Loyola, Md. 83, Marist 71
Providence 77, Connecticut 65
Quinnipiac 75, St. Francis, NY 72
Sacred Heart 87, Fairleigh Dickinson 82
Seton Hall 74, South Florida 64
Siena 69, Manhattan 56
West Virginia 73, St. John's 64

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 92, Chattanooga 83
Austin Peay 86, Tenn.-Martin 71
Belmont 86, ETSU 83
Centenary 95, W. Illinois 88
Coll. of Charleston 70, Wofford 60
E. Kentucky 71, Jacksonville St. 55
Georgia Southern 67, Elon 57
Lipscomb 76, S.C.-Upstate 74, OT
Louisville 71, Marquette 51
Mercer 99, Florida Gulf Coast 77
Morehead St. 62, Samford 46
Sam Houston St. 64, McNeese St. 49
Stetson 66, Kennesaw St. 54
Tennessee 80, Vanderbilt 60
Tennessee St. 87, SE Missouri 75
Tennessee Tech 74, E. Illinois 57

MIDWEST

Akron 55, Ohio 54
Bowling Green 83, Buffalo 70
Cleveland St. 56, Butler 52
Indiana 65, Minnesota 60
Kent St. 74, Miami (Ohio) 62
Loyola of Chicago 71, Detroit 65
N. Dakota St. 75, S. Utah 54
Saint Louis 68, Rhode Island 61
UMKC 64, S. Dakota St. 58
Valparaiso 67, Youngstown St. 61
Wright St. 76, Ill.-Chicago 75

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 59, Louisiana-Monroe 57
New Orleans 83, North Texas 61
Northwestern St. 67, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 58
Oral Roberts 64, IUPUI 63
SE Louisiana 84, Texas St. 83
Stephen F.Austin 81, Lamar 75
Texas-Arlington 69, Nicholls St. 60
Texas-San Antonio 81, Cent. Arkansas 77

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 99, California 90, 2OT
Denver 59, Arkansas St. 52
E. Washington 91, N. Colorado 85, OT
Idaho St. 56, Montana 54
Nevada 69, Idaho 61
Pacific 89, Cal St.-Fullerton 82
San Jose St. 69, Fresno St. 65
Stanford 56, Arizona 52
UC Davis 74, UC Irvine 57
Utah St. 82, Boise St. 78
Washington 78, Oregon 70
Washington St. 69, Oregon St. 46
Weber St. 78, Montana St. 76

WOMEN
EAST

Drexel 71, Northeastern 66
Purdue 79, Penn St. 70
UNC Wilmington 58, Delaware 50

SOUTH

Arkansas 63, Alabama 49
Austin Peay 58, Tenn.-Martin 52
Clemson 84, Virginia Tech 73
E. Illinois 72, Tennessee Tech 66
E. Kentucky 92, Jacksonville St. 71
Fla. International 66, South Alabama 51
Florida St. 80, Wake Forest 54
Georgia Tech 67, N.C. State 63
Houston 74, UCF 61
James Madison 63, George Mason 46
Longwood 70, Radford 69
Middle Tennessee 87, Troy 53
North Carolina 87, Boston College 59
Old Dominion 86, Va. Commonwealth 66
Rice 64, Southern Miss. 58
SE Missouri 70, Tennessee St. 51
Samford 61, Morehead St. 49
Savannah St. 58, Stetson 56, OT
Tennessee 65, Kentucky 40
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 73, Northwestern St. 65
Texas St. 70, SE Louisiana 52
Texas-Arlington 80, Nicholls St. 61
Vanderbilt 67, Georgia 59
W. Kentucky 86, Florida Atlantic 50
William & Mary 75, Georgia St. 57

MIDWEST

Bradley 66, Wichita St. 54
Cleveland St. 63, Detroit 41
Evansville 75, Creighton 60
Indiana 80, Minnesota 77, 2OT
Michigan 79, Wisconsin 73, OT
Michigan St. 74, Northwestern 62
Missouri St. 78, N. Iowa 55
Ohio St. 43, Illinois 42
Wis.-Green Bay 73, Butler 58
Wis.-Milwaukee 68, Valparaiso 62
Youngstown St. 61, Wright St. 58

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 72, Stephen F.Austin 70
North Texas 62, New Orleans 53

FAR WEST

Boise St. 85, Utah St. 77
CS Bakersfield 64, Cal Poly 59
California 64, Arizona St. 51
Denver 57, Arkansas St. 46
Fresno St. 74, Hawaii 54
Gonzaga 83, San Diego 76
Idaho St. 90, Montana 77
Montana St. 77, Weber St. 65
N. Colorado 71, E. Washington 57
Nevada 76, Idaho 53
Oregon 64, Washington St. 45
Oregon St. 68, Washington 64
Pacific 69, UC Irvine 59
Pepperdine 80, Saint Mary's, Calif. 67
San Francisco 65, Portland 51
Stanford 89, Arizona 64
UC Davis 77, Cal St.-Fullerton 45

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	5	0	16	1
Keystone Oaks	4	1	9	9
South Park	2	3	5	10
Ringgold	2	3	5	14
Trinity	2	3	4	11
McGuffey	0	5	3	12

Today

Ringgold at Trinity
Chartiers Valley at South Park
McGuffey at Keystone Oaks

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	4	1	12	5
Steel Valley	3	2	11	4
West Mifflin	3	2	7	7
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	5	10
Yough	2	3	6	10
Elizabeth Forward	0	5	3	14

Today

Belle Vernon Areaat West Mifflin
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at Steel Valley

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	9	0	14	4
Washington	8	1	14	4
Burgettstown	7	2	13	3
Charleroi	5	5	10	9
Brownsville	4	5	8	10
C-Houston	3	7	9	10
Waynesburg	1	8	3	13
Beth-Center	0	9	3	15

Thursday

Charleroi 54, Chartiers-Houston 41

Today

Monessen at Burgettstown
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at Beth-Center

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	10	4
Carmichaels	4	1	12	3
Mapletown	2	2	8	8
Geibel	2	2	3	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	4	5	13
West Greene	0	5	1	12

Today

West Greene at California, 7 p.m.
Carmichaels at Mapletown
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	8	0	14	1
Bentworth	6	2	12	4
Clairton	5	3	7	8
Cornell	3	4	9	7
Sacred Heart	3	5	4	14
Avella	2	6	7	10
Frazier	0	7	2	14

Thursday

Blackhawk 58, Sacred Heart 28

Today

Frazier at Serra
Bentworth at Cornell
Avella at Sacred Heart
Clairton at Monaca

High school girls' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	5	0	13	4
Chartiers Valley	4	1	11	6
West Allegheny	3	2	8	9
McGuffey	2	3	7	9
Keystone Oaks	1	4	4	11
Waynesburg	0	5	4	12

Wednesday

Ringgold 68, Allderdice 47
Chartiers Valley 43, Seton-LaSalle 38
S. Fayette 40, West Allegheny 28

Today

Waynesburg at Ringgold
McGuffey at Keystone Oaks

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	5	0	14	3
Elizabeth Forward	4	1	15	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	7	10
Steel Valley	2	3	9	8
Belle Vernon Area	1	4	4	12
Yough	0	5	7	11

Today

Belle Vernon Area at West Mifflin
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at Steel Valley

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	8	0	16	0
Brownsville	5	3	13	6
Beth-Center	5	3	11	5
Charleroi	4	4	7	9
Bentworth	3	4	9	8
C-Houston	1	6	5	13
Burgettstown	1	6	3	15

Today

Burgettstown at Bentworth
Brownsville at Beth-Center
C-Houston at Washington

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	5	0	11	5
Carmichaels	4	1	8	9
Mapletown	3	2	10	4
California	3	3	6	10
West Greene	1	5	1	15
Jeff-Morgan	0	5	1	15

Wednesday

California 49, West Greene 43

Today

Carmichaels at Mapletown
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	7	0	17	0
Serra	5	2	9	5
Clairton	4	2	7	5
Avella	2	3	7	7
Trinity Christian	1	6	4	11
Frazier	0	6	0	18

Today

Clairton at Monessen
Trinity Christian at Frazier
Serra at Avella

High school basketball lineups

Girls

Monessen - 64

Chukwuedo, 9-0-18; Mornak, 5-6-16; Minardi, 3-2-8; Stepoli, 6-1-13; Popovich, 0-0-0; Diggs, 0-2-2; Beveridge, 2-0-5; Anderson, 0-0-0; Turner, 0-0-0. FG-26, F-11(17), T-64.

Clairton - 25

Townes, 2-0-4; Page, 2-2-6; Sayles, 3-0-6; Green, 0-0-0; Thompson, 3-0-6; Green, 0-0-0; White, 0-0-0; Small, 0-3-3. Totals: FG-10, F-5(6), T-25.

Score by quarters:

Clairton	4	7	4	10	- 25
Monessen	12	25	13	14	- 64

Three-pointers: Mon - Beveridge

Ringgold - 55

Affinito, 1-0-2; Schartner, 7-2-16; Selby, 8-3-19; Resanovich, 3-1-8; Leach, 0-1-1; Melzer, 1-0-3; Pantojas, 1-0-2; Ladley, 0-2-2; Ostrander, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 22, F - 9 13), T - 55.

Waynesburg - 29

Stansberry, 2-0-4; Lemley, 5-1-13; Toothman, 3-1-7; Corfont, 0-0-0; Barger, 1-0-3; Kisher, 1-0-2; Augustine, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 12, F - 2 (3), T - 29.

Score by quarters:

Waynesburg	7	8	3	11	- 29
Ringgold	13	17	17	8	- 55

Three-pointers: Ringgoid - Melzer, Resanovich. Waynesburg - Lemley 2, Toothman.

Bentworth - 50

Hamstra, 2-0-4; Kennedy, 3-2-8; Speed, 9-5-26; Robker, 0-1-1; Marshalek, 1-0-2; Ritzer, 3-0-6; Rick, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 19, F - 8 (11), T - 50.

Burgettstown - 37

Bonacci, 3-0-7; Faloon, 2-5-9; Wilson,, 3-3-9; Shores, 1-0-2; D'Urzo, 0-2-2; Kowalski, 0-1-1; Dugas, 1-0-2; Murray, 2-1-5. Totals; FG - 12, F - 12 (21), T - 37.

Score by quarters:

Burgettstown	6	9	6	16	- 37
Bentworth	10	21	7	12	- 50

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Speed 3, Rick. Burgettstown - Bonacci.

Trinity Christian - 42

Cady, 8-2-23; Liverati, 1-0-2; B. Musselman, 1-0-2; Lewis, 0-8-8; C. Musselman, 2-3-7. Totals: FG - 12, F - 13 (28), T - 42.

Frazier - 31

Ellis, 4-6-14; Fisher, 2-0-4; Howser, 1-1-3; Keebler, 3-1-7; Wilson, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 11, F - 8 (21), T - 31.

Score by quarters:

Trinity Christian	3	20	11	8	- 42
Frazier	9	8	6	8	- 31

Three-pointers: Trinity Christian - Cady 5. Frazier -Wilson.

Boys

Charleroi - 54

Hank, 2-1-5; DiPiazza, 2-1-5; Obade, 2-5-9; Pappasergi, 4-0-9; Andrisko, 5-8-19; Bell, 1-0-3; Hooks, 2-0-4. Totals; FG - 18, F - 15 (23), T - 54.

C-Houston - 41

Cypher, 6-1-16; McIlvaine, 0-3-3; Popeck, 4-6-14; Jones, 3-1-8; Parker,0-0-0; Betts, 0-0-0; Alderson, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 13, F - 8 (16), T - 41.

Score y quarters:

Charleroi	14	12	10	18	- 54
C-Houston	6	7	10	18	- 41

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Pappasergi, Andrisko, Bell. C-Houston - Cypher 3, Jones.

Basketball scores

Altoona 72, Upper St. Clair 64
Ambridge 59, Montour 30
Baldwin 56, Trinity 43
Bentworth 50, Burgettstown 37
Beth-Center 43, Brownsville 38
Bethel Park 39, Peters Township 38
Canevin 61, Brentwood 23
Blairsville 62, Laurel Valley 56
Burrell 62, Valley 50
Butler 50, Shaler 48
Carmichaels 53, Mapletown 47
Deer Lakes 44, South Allegheny 39
East Allegheny 56, Apollo-Ridge 49
East Forest 42, Moniteau 36
Elizabeth Forward 75, Yough 31
Fox Chapel 37, Woodland Hills 36
Franklin 61, Slippery Rock 56
Geibel 55, Jefferson-Morgan 39
Greensburg Central 53, Ford City 47
Hampton 63, Kittanning 36
Highlands 67, Knoch 36
Hopewell 78, Ellwood City 36
Indiana 49, Mars 46
Keystone Oaks 38, McGuffey 33
Latrobe 52, Uniontown 51
Laurel Highlands 60, Greensburg Salem 55
McKeesport 54, Gateway 47
Mohawk 49, Laurel 31
Monessen 64, Clairton 25
Moon 46, Center 36
Mt. Alvernia 63, Avonworth 47
Mt. Lebanon 60, Canon-McMillan 30
Mt. Pleasant 57, Franklin Regional 50
New Brighton 50, Shenango 30
New Castle 60, Seneca Valley 55
North Catholic 70, Leechburg 4
Northgate 73, Riverview 34
Norwin 49, Hempfield 36
Sacred Heart 55, Beaver 44
Penn Hills 59, North Hills 38
Penn-Trafford 64, Albert Gallatin 37
Quaker Valley 55, Sto-Rox 39
Ringgold 55, Waynesburg 29
Riverside 47, Neshannock 43
Rochester 63, Cornell 14
Serra Catholic 70, Avella 30
Seton-LaSalle 43, Fort Cherry 40
South Park 66, Carlynton 36
South Side Beaver 58, Aliquippa 48
Southmoreland 50, Derry Area 45
Thomas Jefferson 64, Steel Valley 61
Trinity Christian 42, Frazier 31
Vincentian Academy 89, St. Joseph 74
Washington 64, Chartiers-Houston 22
West Mifflin 73, Belle Vernon Area 23
Western Beaver 49, Quigley 43
Wilkinsburg 60, Springdale 51

Wrestling summaries

Albert Gallatin 39, BV Area 27
103 - Haines, AG; pinned Altemara, 1:03.
112 - J. Lowry, AG; dec. Rubin, 9-2.
119 - Weslager, BVA; pinned Jon Thomas, 1:54.
125 - Ty. Scott, BVA; pinned Beich, 3:57.
130 - Mulligan, AG; def. Perry, 3-2.
135 - M. Lowry, AG; pinned DeRienzo, 1:13.
140 - Palmer, AG; dec. Brennan Perry, 6-2.
145 - D. Karpency, AG; dec. Tr. Scott, 6-2.
152 - D. Tasser, BVA; pinned Mitchell, 2:38.
160 - Delany, AG; dec. Boyer, BVA; 5-4.
171 - Brison, AG; won by forfeit.
189 - PJ Tasser, BVA; pinned Dawson, 1:07.
215 - B. Karpency, AG; pinned Sickler, 2:32.
285 - Gauden, BVA; dec. Joe Thomas, 3-1.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

MLB—Elected Bud Selig, commissioner, to a three-year extension, through the 2012 season.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Mary Sprong vice president of human resources and administration and Susan Goodenow vice president of public affairs.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with 3B Joe Crede on a one-year contract. Named Jose Bautista pitching coach for Bristol (Appalachian), Brian Drahman pitching coach and Robert Sasser hitting coach for Winston-Salem (Carolina), Art Kusnyer minor-league bullpen instructor, Jeff Manto minor-league hitting instructor, Joe McEwing hitting coach and Richard Dotson pitching coach for Charlotte (IL), Carlos Subero manager, Wes Clements hitting coach and J.R. Perdew hitting coach for Birmingham (SL), and Ernie Young hitting coach for Great Falls (Pioneer).

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Marcus Thames on a one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with OF Damon Hollis, C Ken Huckaby, LHP Tim Hamulack and INF David Matranga on minor league contracts. Announced INF Jason Smith has accepted an outright assignment to Omaha (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Juan Rivera on a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with OF Jason Kubel on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Huston Street on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with OF Bronson Sardinha on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Jonny Gomes on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Jennings on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Downs on a three-year contract, INF Marco Scutaro, LHP Gustavo Chacin, RHP Jason Frasor and LHP Brian Tallet on one-year contracts.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 1B Mark Teixeira, LHP Mike Gonzalez, RHP Tyler Yates and INF Omar Infante to one-year contracts. Acquired LHP Jeff Ridgway from the Tampa Bay Rays for INF Willy Aybar and INF Chase Fontaine.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with C Matt Treanor on a one-year contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Nick Gorneault and RHP Runelvys Hernandez on minor league contracts. Named Gary Ruby pitching coach and Keith Bodie hitting coach for Salem (Carolina), D.J. Boston hitting coach for Greeneville (Appalachian) and John Patton trainer for Lexington (SAL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Capuano on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Lidge and RHP Ryan Madson on one-year contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 3B Jose Bautista on a one year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Redding on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed FB Darian Barnes.

DETROIT LIONS—Named Jim Colletto offensive coordinator and Kippy Brown assistant head coach/passing game coordinator.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Signed G Curtis Joseph to a one-year contract. Assigned G Curtis McElhinney to Quad City (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Traded RW Craig Adams to Chicago for future considerations. Activated C Matt Cullen, RW Scott Walker and D Bret Hedican from the injured list.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Signed C Patrick Sharp to a four-year contract extension.

EDMONTON OILERS—Activated D Matt Greene from injured reserve and assigned him to Springfield (AHL).

COLLEGE

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE—Reprimanded Ritchie McKay, Liberty men's basketball coach, for publicly criticizing the officiating following the Jan. 12 game at UNC Asheville.

KENTUCKY—Named Thom Kaumeyer defensive backs coach.

OKLAHOMA—Named Jay Norvell co-offensive coordinator.

PEPPERDINE—Announced the resignation of Vance Walberg, men's basketball coach.

PITTSBURGH—Announced the resignation of Paul Rhoads, defensive coordinator, to take the same job at Auburn.

TUSCULUM—Named Karl Scott assistant football coach and linebackers coach.

In the NBA

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 90, San Antonio 88
Denver 120, Utah 109
Phoenix 106, L.A. Lakers 98

Today's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: New Orleans is a solid 11-2 straight-up and vs. the spread its last 13 games. Charlotte is only 2-5 straight-up and 1-6 vs. the spread its last 7 games against the Hornets. The Bobcats are also just 1-12 straight-up and 3-10 vs. the spread their last 13 road games. New Orleans cruised to a 99-85 road victory back on Dec 28th against Charlotte and there is no reason to think that effort cannot be repeated tonight at home. Take New Orleans - 9 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points		Underdog
Sunday, Jan 20			
Conference Championships			
N. ENGLAND	14	(46)	San Diego
GREEN BAY	7	(40)	NY Giants

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Saturday, Jan 19		
East-West Shrine Game		
Robertson Stadium-Houston, TX.		
East	1 (43)	West

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Portland	3	MIAMI
WASHINGTON	8 1/2	New York
TORONTO	6 1/2	Atlanta
BOSTON	12	Philadelphia
N. ORLEANS	9 1/2	Charlotte
MEMPHIS	6	Seattle
DETROIT	11	Sacramento
UTAH	11	LA Clippers
PHOENIX	14 1/2	Minnesota
CHICAGO	1	Golden State

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Niagara	12 1/2	CANISIUS
IONA	3	Fairfield

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
CAROLINA	1/2-1	Edmonton
NEW JERSEY	1-1 1/2	Florida
PITTSBURGH	1/2-1	Tampa Bay
BUFFALO	1/2-1	Atlanta
MINNESOTA	Even-1/2	Anaheim
COLORADO	1/2-1	Chicago
CALGARY	1-1 1/2	Los Angeles

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NFC championship

(FROM PAGE ONE)

line, but he doesn't take any sacks. He throws the ball very, very quick. So we are going to have to really try to get our hands up, get in his face a little bit and see if we can play the game that way."

The Giants (12-6) have played the game that way extremely well, and their 53 sacks topped the NFL this season, with Umenyiora pacing New York with 13 — one more than Green Bay leader Kampman. They've scrapped a four-DE alignment on passing downs since linebacker Mattias Kiwanuka, a converted end, broke his leg on Nov. 18. But even with a more conventional scheme, the pressure remained staunch, and the sacks kept coming.

Considering New York's banged-up secondary, the Giants might need to be in Favre's face on every snap.

"We have confidence in all the guys that are on our team," defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo said, "so when one guy goes down, we put another guy in. I guess I would be lying if I didn't say there was some concern and you think about some change, but if you're too far from what you are and what you do, I think you can get into trouble that way, too."

The idea, then, is stay true to your roots, which is exactly what Strahan expects both sides will do.

"This is going to be a game of will, a game of whoever wants it the most," he said. "That is what the playoffs are all about, so this is going to be a very interesting battle. Us, a team that has a strong will and plays well on the road, and that team that has a strong will and plays well at home."

COMICS

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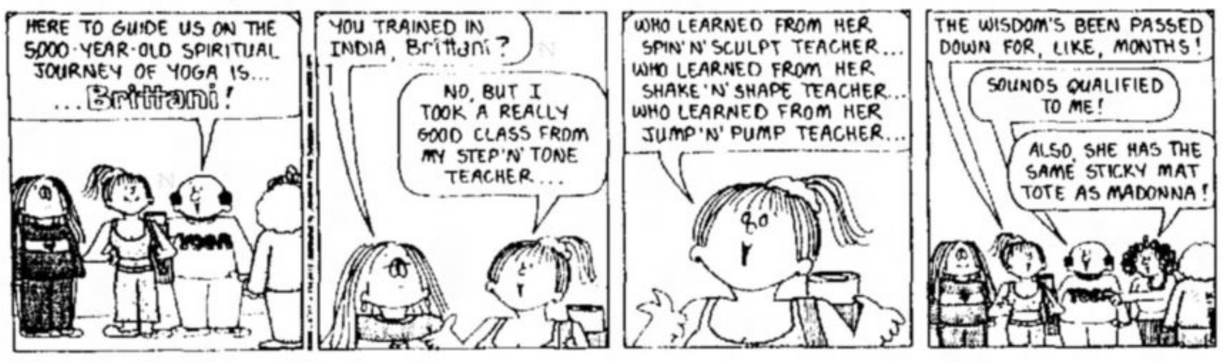
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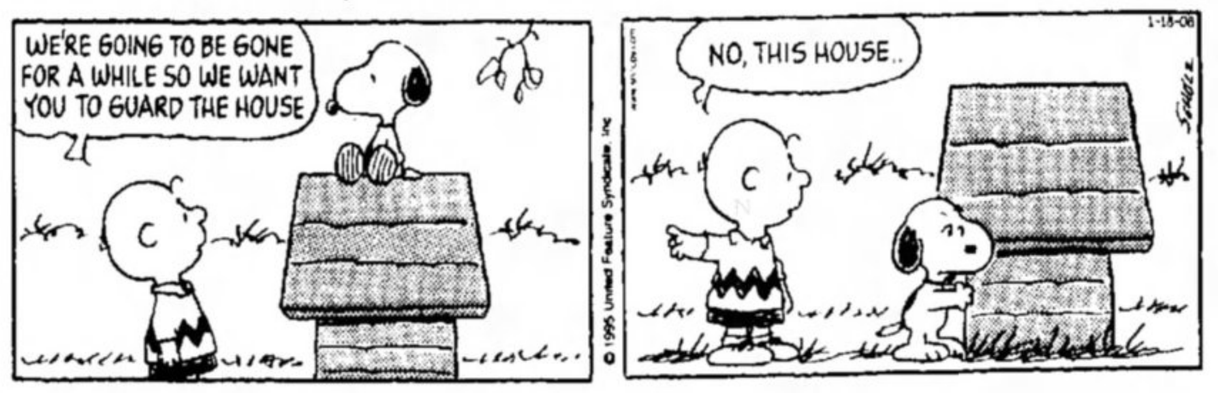

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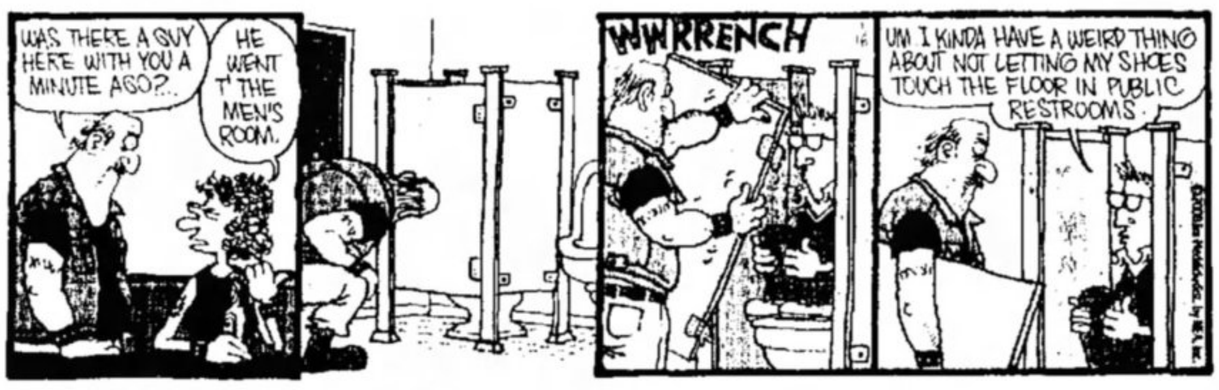
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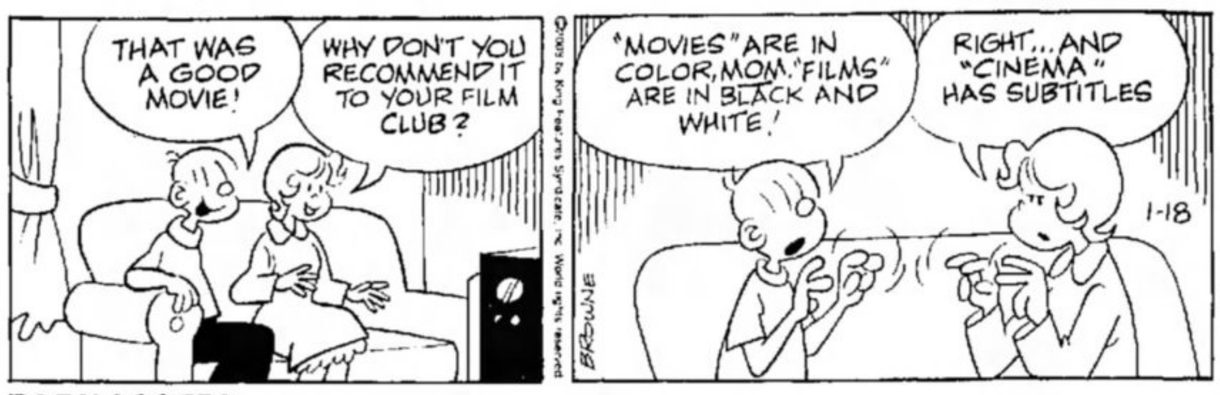
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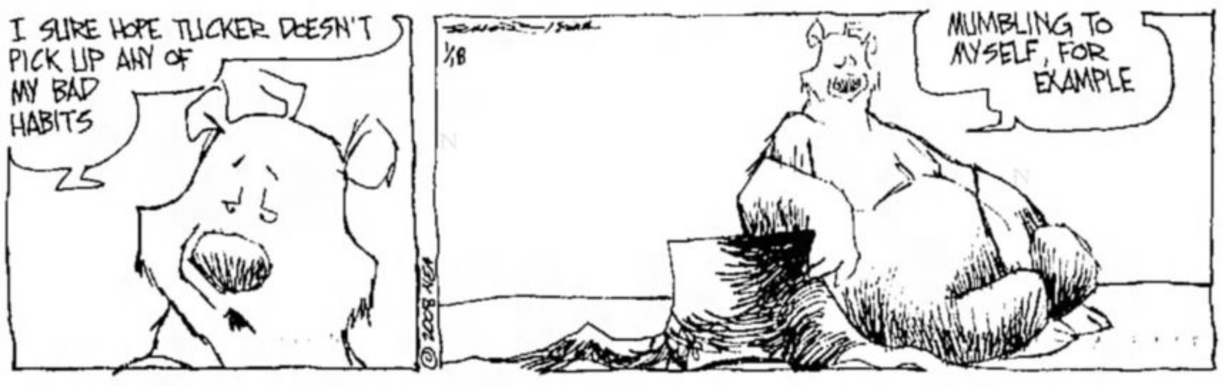

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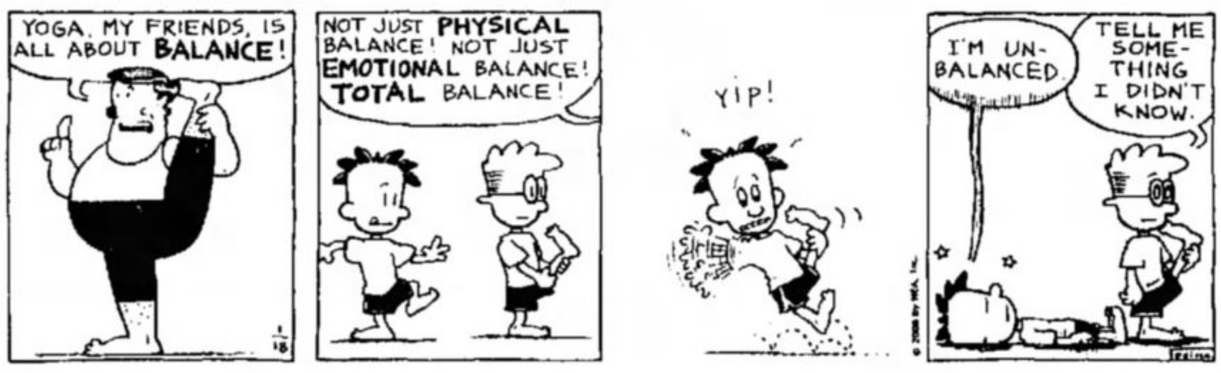
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HA! HA! GOOD LUCK! MAYBE YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO ISN'T SO PICKY!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

TO REACH THE COMMUNITY, MARK HAS MADE A PORTAGE TO SHORTEN THE TRIP
WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 10 MILES TO GO, ANDY!
JACK ELROD
JOHNNY'S REALLY GOING TO BE EXCITED WHEN I TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS!

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Like permed hair
5 Obstacle
8 Type of collar
12 McClurg of sitcoms
13 Whopper
14 Atom fragments
15 Like redwoods
16 Strike caller
17 Composer — Satie
18 Canasta plays
20 Held sway
22 Circus crowd noise
23 Airport code for O'Hare
24 Swears
27 Throat feature
30 Wheel parts
31 Game officials
32 Turf
34 Large green parrot
35 Celts, to Romans
36 Existence
37 Test exercise (2 wds.)
39 Tend the turkey
40 Selene's sister
41 Pay for
42 Talks big
44 Dumpster outputs
47 Parting words
48 Very long time
50 Reject
52 Latin I verb
53 Blow away
54 *French* state
55 Dust devil
56 Berlin conjunction
57 Pulled apart

DOWN

1 Dripping
2 Sandler of "The Waterboy"
3 Loathsome
4 Cheerful colors
5 Type of wine
6 Focus
7 Scoldings
8 Meadows
9 Folk wisdom
10 Tennyson heroine
11 Invite
19 Two, in Tijuana
21 *Coffee* dispensers
24 Hot Springs st.
25 Were rivals
26 Rubaiyat author
27 SAT taker
28 Egyptian goddess
29 Attic
31 French philosopher
33 Poor grade
35 Wannabe prince
36 Travel stop
38 On the rise
39 Leaf out
41 Filleted
42 Polar explorer
43 Skimmed through
45 Nerve network
46 Hockey's — Mikita
47 Pollen spreader
49 Have title to
51 Baseball great Mel —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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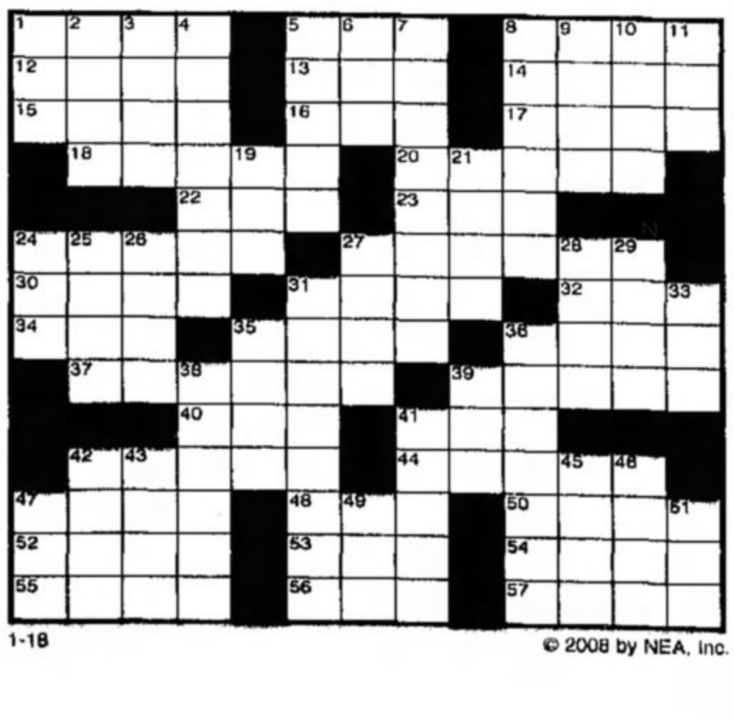

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ ARC Mon Valley meeting, Lynnwood Lanes, Washington Township, 10 a.m.

■ Charleroi Knights of Columbus sponsored Night at the Races, Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi, 7 p.m.

■ Karaoke with Dennis, Belle Vernon Moose, 9 p.m.

■ Chicken and biscuit dinner, Star Junction Fish and Game Club, Perryopolis, 4 to 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Pancake, sausage breakfast planned

The Gallatin-Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department, Forward Township, will host a pancake and sausage breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Fire department grants awarded

Congressman John P. Murtha announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has released Assistance to Firefighters Grants to 12th District volunteer fire departments. The Carroll Township Volunteer Fire Department will receive $35,482. The grants are provided to fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations to enhance first responders' ability to protect the health and safety of the public and that of first-responder personnel.

Pike Run 4-H plans banquet

The Pike Run 4-H Club will hold its annual kick-off banquet 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Hugo's Restaurant, Route 40, Centerville. RSVP to David Lowden at (724) 239-5233.

Anyone age 8-18 as of January wishing to join the club is welcome to attend the banquet or come to the next business meeting 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Grace United Methodist Church, off Route 481, on California Drive, Coal Center.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

A-frame cabin

Classic cabin gets 'A' for excellence

Combining the features most often desired in a vacation retreat, the classic A-frame design is one of the most popular choices for second homes. Attractive, affordable, simple and strong, this do-it-yourself version is no exception. It features an open floor plan, ample sleeping and storage space and a spacious deck for enjoying the great outdoors.

The cabin's 700 square feet include a small kitchen, a bathroom, a living room, a bedroom and a deck on the first floor. Upstairs, two bedrooms and a balcony provide more sleeping space. Both floors are heated by a central fireplace.

The simple design makes the cabin relatively easy (and inexpensive) to build. The basic structure is formed by two large A-frames connected by a central beam, and the roof is made of plywood panels (lapped like giant shingles). The foundation consists of nine concrete piers, to minimize the need for grading. It's a big project, but it's also fun, highly satisfying and a valuable investment.

The A-Frame Cabin plan, No. 381, is $9.95 and includes complete floor plans and elevation drawings with all dimensions, construction directions with 10 photos, a detailed materials list and a toll-free help line for project questions. Do-it-yourselfers should be aware that some alterations may be necessary to conform to local building codes.

A package of cabin plans, No. C81, is $22.95 and includes this plan and two others. A 480-page guidebook featuring more than 500 vacation-home floor plans, "Vacation Homes," No. A50, is available for $12.95. A free catalog picturing dozens of do-it-yourself projects is also available. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: G equals J

"D'HN MNNB CWOZX. YRN OIDYDOF BNHNI KNBY AWY AT YRNDJ KVX YA FDBPCN LN AWY TAI JADBP MVJ KAIZ." - GVLNF OVVB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION -- "I often think that the night is more alive and more richly colored than the day." - Vincent Van Gogh

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ENGAGEMENTS

Seighman-Swango

Cathleen Seighman, of Charleroi, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer, to Clay Swango, son of Clay and Carol Swango, formerly of Charleroi.

Both are 2001 graduates of Charleroi Area High School.

Seighman is a graduate of Waynesburg University and is employed as an auditor for the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General in Arlington, Va.

Swango attended Penn State University and is employed by Electronic Merchants in Alexandria, Va., as a customer service supervisor.

A Sept. 13, 2008, wedding is planned in Christ Lutheran Church, Charleroi.

Jennifer Seighman & Clay Swango

Berry-Puskarich

Alana Katherine Berry, of Lynchburg, Va., and Thomas Anthony Puskarich, of Altoona, are engaged to be married.

Berry is the daughter of Robert and Marsha Berry, of Lynchburg. She is a 1995 graduate of Brookville High School, a 1999 graduate of Liberty University, and a 2001 graduate of Southern Illinois University. She is employed as a producer for National Geographic TV in Washington, D.C.

Puskarich is the son of John and Carol Puskarich, of Altoona. He is a 2000 graduate of Altoona High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He is employed as a software consultant for Autonomy and resides in Washington, D.C.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of James and Katherine Wright, of Lynchburg, and her fiancé is the grandson of Joe and Bernice Sala, of Donora, and John and Kay Puskarich, of Ellsworth.

An April 26, 2008, wedding is being planned in Algonkian Regional Park, Sterling, Va.

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Conte-Tempest

Ralph "Boomer" and Mary Lee Conte, of Carroll Township, and Police Chief Brian J. and Melanie Tempest, of Monongahela, have announced the engagement of their children, Courtney Beth Conte and Brian Jack "B.J." Tempest.

The couple is planning an Aug. 2, 2008, wedding in Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church in Monongahela, followed by a reception at Mon Valley Country Club.

Brian Tempest & Courtney Conte

Dhans-Turkovich

The engagement of Audra Dhans and Matthew Turkovich, both of Washington, Pa., has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Faye Reese and the late James White. She is a graduate of Washington High School.

Her fiancé is the son of Don and Michelle Turkovich, of Charleroi, and a graduate of Charleroi Area High School.

Both are employed at the Meadowlands in Washington.

Matthew Turkovich & Audra Dhans

A 2010 wedding is being planned by the couple.

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Valentine's Day

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Special Valentine's Day Memorial Page To Be Published
Thursday, February 14, 2008

1.
You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief,
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
In the hearts of the ones who will never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

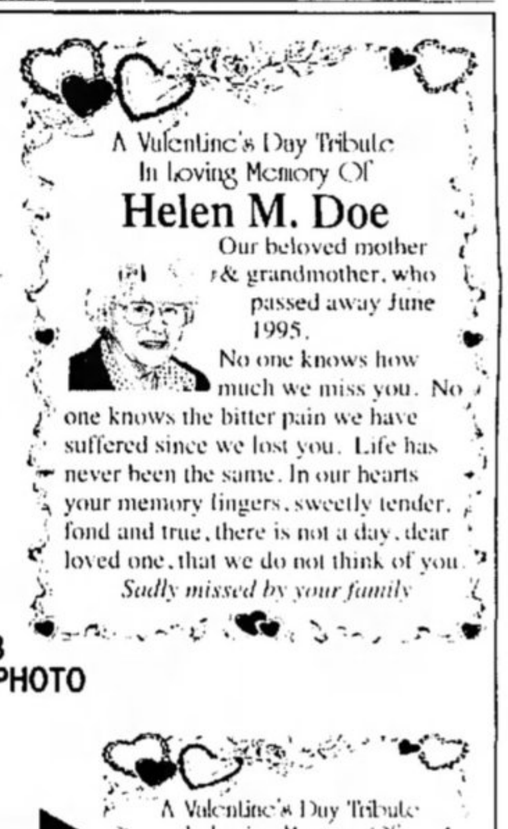
15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.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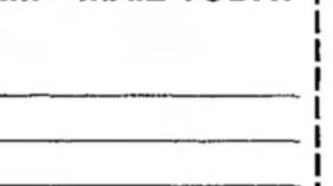

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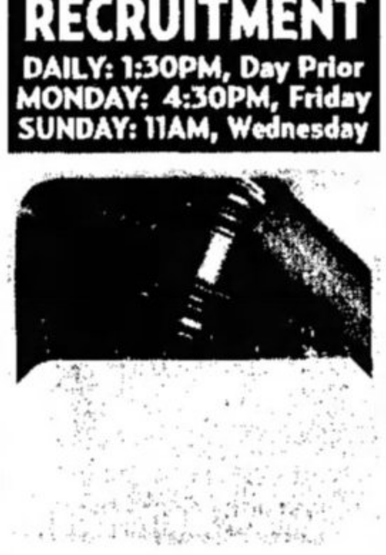

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SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 2008

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December 22 through January 19

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Encountering someone who has a forceful personality may make you feel uncomfortable, but challenging his or her views won't make things better, either. The best way to handle this person is to simply ignore him or her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- When an authority figure throws his or her weight around, don't take it out on an innocent friend by being guilty of the same offense. Get your mind off the outrage before it eats you alive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It will be a mistake to use anger to support a weak position, because all it will do is make you look worse in the eyes of others. Keep your ego out of the picture, and a facade won't be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you consider yourself a giver and someone else a taker, chances are you will be correct, because your offerings can't justify what the other is expecting in return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- When it comes to your relationship with another, be extra careful not to be too bent upon having your own way. If you appear to be cantankerous instead of cooperative, you will suffer the consequences.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If you end up painting yourself into a corner, you are apt to quickly look around for a scapegoat. However, if you do that, you had better first wipe the paint off your finger before pointing it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Be careful not to allow winning or losing to take precedence over a good relationship when engaged in a competitive activity. It is far better to lose a few points than it would be to lose a good pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Strive to be a high achiever if that is important to you, but take care that your method or tactics won't damage your reputation in any way or you will lose far more than anything you can accomplish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you come off like a know-it-all, you can expect someone in the crowd to deliberately challenge your smarts. If you are not prepared to live up to your bravado, it could turn out to be a humbling experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't assume any long-term financial obligations at this point in time, especially if it really isn't necessary or if it is to purchase something frivolous or foolish. Down the line, you will rue the day you did so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Being totally free to make your own choices and do your own thing will be of utmost importance to you, yet it isn't likely you will grant the same privilege to your companions. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County *Purchasing Office* at 724-250-4555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

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1/18,25

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

JOHN M. KONSUGAR, Deceased

Late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Executor
Marcy Lynn Wilson
600 Silkwood Court
Annapolis, MD 21401

Filed at No. 65-08-0075 in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Orphan's Court Division.

Attorney
Robert N. Clarke, Esquire
Robert N. Clarke & Associates
15 West Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301
724-228-5000
1/18,25,2/1

ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Robert B. Saxon, a/k/a Robert Saxon, late of Monessen, Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Maraha Hanam,
Administratrix
14 Elm St.
Monessen, PA 15062
1/11,18,25

Tonarelli, Geno
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3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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January 21, 2008
February 18, 2008
March 17, 2008
April 21, 2007
May 19, 2008
June 16, 2008
July 21, 2008
August 18, 2008
September 15, 2008
October 20, 2008
November 17, 2008
December 15, 2008

Special meetings may be held as called for by giving the public 24 hours notice prior to the meeting.

This notice is given to comply with the requirements of the "Sunshine Act".

All meetings are open to the public.

Joe Rovny
Chairman
1/18

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of Monessen City Council, will be held on Monday, February 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Monessen Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2008 Budget and any other matters to come before Council.

Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
1/18

2050/CORPORATE NOTICES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2007, Mon Valley Partners in Progress was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 for the purposes of providing assistance to the economically disadvantaged in the community and improving quality of life in Monessen through cultural and educational programs.
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

2008 WASHINGTON COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency announces its 2008 grant program arising from receipts of the County Hotel Tax. Washington County non-profits seeking funds for tourism promotion and/or tourism development may request guidelines by calling 724-228-5520, faxing 724-228-5514, or emailing info@washwow.com.

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